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Meetings for Field Service

JANUARY 5-11

How will a proper motive aid us:

1. In difficult territory? (Acts 18: 5, 6)
2. To maintain our joy in the field?
3. In making our message more appealing?

JANUARY 12-18

How do our motives affect:

1. The saving of lives? (Rom. 10: 10-15)
2. The importance of our warning message?
3. Our being zealous in preaching?

JANUARY 19-25

What do you suggest:

1. As a talking point in current "Watchtower"?
2. As a way to develop magazine routes?
3. For follow-up on magazine placements?

JANUARY 26–FEBRUARY 1

How do our manners:

1. Affect our impression on householders?
2. Indicate good training or the lack of it?
3. Add to a good personal appearance when witnessing?

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

The October 1980 service report is most encouraging. Compared with October 1979, total publishers increased by 4.4 percent. We devoted 533,829 more hours, placed 292,415 more magazines, made 191,220 more return visits, conducted 30,130 more Bible studies and obtained 11,112 more new subscriptions. Truly we are grateful for Jehovah's blessings upon our united efforts!

"Go Therefore and Make Disciples"

[1] Following his resurrection, Jesus gave his faithful disciples a far-reaching commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, . . . teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you."—Matt. 28: 19, 20.

[2] Jesus had already set a fine example for his disciples in teaching and disciple-making. Over 500 of them had the privilege of seeing or hearing the resurrected Jesus before he returned to heaven. (1 Cor. 15:6) Now it was the responsibility of those first-century Christians to carry on the disciple-making work throughout the then-known world. But what about our day? We continue to follow vigorously Jesus' example in going to the homes of people to teach them and make them true Christian disciples.

IMPROVING OUR DISCIPLE-MAKING WORK

[3] Since disciple-making has life-saving benefits, we must be at it *urgently* in these last days. (John 17:3) Are you having a share in it? If not, would you like help in making return visits and conducting home Bible studies so as to teach honest-hearted people more of the truths from God's Word? Such help is available right in your own congregation.

[4] It is true that we no longer have a Bible study overseer in each congregation. But now the assignment of following up on the disciple-making activity in the congregation has been delegated to the congregation book study conductors, who are usually elders. These brothers have a keen interest in your activity. They would like to help you follow up on any placements or interest you may have found. They are desirous of helping you to start Bible studies with interested ones and even going with you on your studies. By availing yourself of their readiness to assist, you may enjoy this field of service for the first time, if you have not yet done so.

[5] It is also good for book study conductors to know *who* in their group conducts Bible studies as well as *who* the students are. Congregation secretaries may provide each study conductor with the Bible study reports of the publish-

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CONGREGATION MEETINGS—PART III

How the Theocratic School Is Benefiting Us

[1] "I never thought I could do it. Yet here it is 20 years later and I'm still having a share in it thanks to the training I received in the Theocratic School!" A share in what? The publisher quoted here was referring to the fine training and experience he received that enabled him to share successfully in the field activity. Indeed, many have expressed heartfelt appreciation for the benefits they received from participating in the Theocratic School. Those who attend and share regularly in the school program find that their comments at meetings are greatly improved, and their participation in the field service is far more effective. It has enabled both brothers and sisters to be able to 'handle the word of truth aright.'—2 Tim. 2:15.

[2] Clearly, the Theocratic School is one of Jehovah's generous provisions that he has made available through his organization to assist all of his people in becoming better qualified to proclaim the good news. However, in order to benefit fully from the progressive training the school offers, we should not view it as merely a 45-minute weekly meeting. If we all desire to get the most from the school, we will want to follow through on the suggestion to prepare in advance through home study. This includes Bible reading and necessary research so that we may constantly widen and ever deepen our knowledge and understanding of God's purposes. (Rom. 11:33) In this connection, an examination of the features of the current school program should enable each one of us to reevaluate the benefits and move us to take full advantage of them.

[3] Those brothers giving assignment No. 1 have a fine opportunity to demonstrate the "art of teaching." (2 Tim. 4:2) How can this best be accomplished? By isolating important points, illustrating them and making practical application of the material to local needs.

[4] Our Bible reading program and the highlights from the Bible reading are very important features of the school. It is the *responsibility* of the school overseer, or of another qualified elder assigned by him, to give a brief, overall view of the assigned chapters and help the audience to appreciate why and

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 4

(Starting with this meeting, the service meeting will be limited to 45 minutes, *not* including songs and prayer. Please observe this adjustment in all future meetings.)

Song 10

3 min: Local announcements. Include encouragement to read chapters 4 to 6 from *Happiness* book to be covered in talk next Sunday.

10 min: Elders can prepare locally or give a talk using "Questions from Readers" in the September 1, 1980, issue of *The Watchtower*. Draw points from "Insight on the News" on page 11.

17 min: "Does Sexual Morality Make Sense?" The following material is based on chapter 18 of the *Youth* book, pages 133-140. Elder with this part may assign to various youths beforehand questions and scriptures to be read. Certain paragraphs from the chapter are cited after the questions below, which should assist brothers in preparing comments. Please pose the following questions, have texts read and discussed as time permits. Encourage youths to participate fully in discussion. How do many people in the world feel about premarital sex? What are some effects? What does 1 Corinthians 6:18 say about fornication? (pars. 4-7) What is a sign of moral strength? Cite some Biblical examples. (pars. 8-11) What scriptures show that Jehovah condemns fornication and loose conduct? (1 Cor. 6:9, 10; Ps. 97:10) Why is God's law on morality so beneficial for us now? Relate some problems youths are being faced with in school concerning this matter. What thought-provoking questions should youths ask themselves if wrong conduct seems appealing to them? (pars. 16, 17) What bad aftereffects result to those who give in to sexual immorality? Why does sexual morality make sense? (pars. 18-21) What examples do we have in the Bible to aid us to make a correct decision? (2 Sam. 13:1-19; Gen. 39:7-20) What relationship with Jehovah will a wise choice mean for us? (Eph. 5:3, 4; Phil. 4:8) Our service to God is acceptable only if we present ourselves clean and undefiled. Such wholesome conduct results in a clean conscience. This approved condition enables youths to enjoy freedom of speech when sharing in the field activity.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—Offering the *Watchtower* Subscription." Question-and-answer coverage of article. Include demonstration of suggested Topic for Conversation when covering paragraphs 3 and 4. Enthusiastically encourage congregation to share in offering subscriptions this weekend in the field service.

Song 89 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 11

Song 28

7 min: Introduction, accounts report. Suggest brothers review chapters 7 and 8 of *Happiness* book for Sunday's talk.

20 min: "How the Theocratic School Is Benefiting Us." (To be handled by school overseer) Question-and-answer discussion of material. Review each talk thoroughly so publishers will appreciate value and see need of attending school regularly. Discuss feature of oral counsel being given after talks and the benefit of such to the students. Highlight positive trends noted in local Theocratic School, such as new students being enrolled, improved talks being given by students, increased appreciation by brothers in general. Possibly some suggestions can be given for improvement that school overseer could helpfully mention as time permits. (See Study 20 in *School Guidebook*, beginning on p. 100, "Counsel Builds Up.")

18 min: Review talking points in the January 15, 1981, issue of *The Watchtower* that can be used in the field service. Prepare in advance to have different publishers comment on points they will use from the magazine. Encourage all to read magazine and bring it to the meeting. May want to demonstrate how one or two talking points can be incorporated in a magazine presentation. Have several experiences related showing what has been accomplished in offering subscription and/or magazines.

Song 33 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 18

Song 77

5 min: Introduction and Announcements. Suggest that brothers read chapters 9 and 10 in *Happiness* book to be covered in next Sunday's public talk.

18 min: "Go Therefore and Make Disciples." Discussion of article with appropriate questions. Include comments from one or two book study conductors on how they plan to assist publishers in the disciple-making work. Encourage publishers to seek to conduct Bible studies if they are not already doing so. Also, if some have too many return visits or studies, they should discuss this with their study conductor to see if others can assist in caring for them.

15 min: "What Gives Them Courage?" Talk on August 15, 1980, *Watchtower* article, along with audience participation. Highlight need for courage today as we carry on with our preaching and teaching activity. Show how we rely on Jehovah, not on our own strength, as we go from house to house and conduct Bible studies or even face persecution. If time permits, include experiences from local brothers or sisters who have overcome timidity and are now courageously preaching the good news and making return visits regularly.

7 min: "An Encouraging Report." Also, consider October Service Report and relate what was accomplished locally during that month, noting encouraging features.

Song 7 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 25

Song 36

6 min: Introduction and local announcements.

12 min: "Circuit Assemblies—Aid in Our Fight for the Faith." Discuss article with audience participation. Allow time for one or two comments on points brothers enjoyed from current circuit assembly program. Encourage all to make plans to attend next assembly when dates are announced.

12 min: Elders can prepare material needed for local consideration or cover material in September 1, 1980, *Watchtower* article, "Follow the Great Exemplar."

15 min: Our Field Service in February. Briefly outline offer of any 192-page book. Mention which books are available locally. Include one or two prepared, brief comments from audience on talking points that will tie in with current Topic for Conversation; also experiences that will build appreciation for group witnessing. Encourage all to be in field service next Sunday, the first Sunday of February, if possible. Also suggest that everyone review chapters 11 to 13 of *Happiness* book for Sunday's talk.

Song 48 and prayer.

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Congregation Meetings . . . *(Cont'd)*

how the information is of value to the brothers. It will require more preparation on his part so as to make this practical. To the extent possible, some in the audience may be called on for comments that they have on points they learned from the Bible reading for that week. Are you personally benefiting by keeping up with the schedule of Bible reading each week? One aid in preparing our assignment is to look for scriptures that build appreciation, strengthen our families in some needed quality, or help us draw a lesson from examples in the narrative.—1 Tim. 4:13; Ps. 1: 1, 2.

[5] Talk No. 2 is a Bible reading that benefits all, and especially our new and younger brothers. It has helped them make advancement in their public reading ability. Due to the training in the Theocratic School, many of our school-age youngsters have made remarkable advancement in their public school classes both in language as well as in speaking ability.—1 Tim. 4:15, 16.

[6] Talk No. 3 is to be given by our sisters. This assignment includes younger ones, whenever possible, and an assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer. Additional sisters may be used if desired to make various settings practical. Situations arising at home, in the field service, in the congregation and elsewhere may be used to make this portion practical, realistic and instructive for all present. Of course, the prime consideration should be directed to the material rather than the setting.

[7] Talk No. 4 is to be given preferably by male students. This talk, presented to the entire audience, is based on various *Watchtower* and *Awake!* articles. The material should be truly informative and beneficial, aiding listeners to "make sure of all things; hold fast to what is fine."—1 Thess. 5:21.

[8] A most helpful feature of the school will be the counsel given from the platform after each talk. This will help students to appreciate the points to work on for improvement. All can actually benefit from this provision by applying certain principles to their own efforts in speaking the truth and making disciples. (Phil. 3:16) Do we not always look to Jehovah for counsel? As the psalmist wrote: "With your counsel you will lead me." (Ps. 73:24) By appreciating the counsel from the school overseer, which is offered in a kindly, encouraging way, students will continue to make advancement in their speaking ability. Therefore, those enrolled in the Theocratic School should realize that such counsel, and the spirit in which it is given, are governed by the fine principles of the Bible.—Prov. 19: 20; 2 Cor. 3:5.

[9] Our being in attendance regularly each week will help us grow in appreciation for this provision of spiritual education. When assigned talks, all students need to be dependable, fulfilling their assignments, so that it will not become necessary for the school overseer frequently to call for someone to substitute.

[10] Jehovah makes provision for his people to speak the truth clearly and understandably. In conversations with our families, our friends, at work and in the field activity, let us express ourselves in a way that will motivate others to fear God and keep his commandments. (Eccl. 12:9-14) To this end, we cannot afford to miss out on the benefits of the Theocratic School.

Circuit Assemblies— Aid in Our Fight for the Faith

[1] Back in ancient Israel, the annual assemblies were times of rejoicing and of spiritual encouragement and instruction. The same is true among Jehovah's people today. What a relief it is to leave behind secular cares and pressures for two days to assemble together with our brothers for good association and instruction! And how built up we are spiritually when the assembly seems so quickly to draw to its conclusion! It was good to see that over 931,000 attended the series of circuit assemblies from February through August 1980, a 3.6 percent increase over 1979.

[2] During the past few months, most of us have had the privilege of attending a circuit assembly that had as its theme "Set Apart from the World." Certainly the program aided us to see more clearly our position as true Christians. Yes, "the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one," so as true servants of Jehovah, we need to fight actively against and resist the unclean conduct and contaminating spirit of Satan's old system. (1 Pet. 4:3, 4; 1 John 5: 19) Only then can we continue to have Jehovah's spirit and blessing.

[3] Keeping separate from the world requires a strong *fight* for the faith. So our new series of circuit assemblies, which begins in February, has the theme "Fight the Fine Fight of the Faith." The new program will develop *why* a fight for the faith is so necessary at this time and what is involved in this fight. As dedicated Christians, we cannot afford to become apathetic or negative in our attitude toward the worsening moral climate in the world. We need to heed the Scriptural warning regarding this condition. At the same time, we are admonished to *fight hard* for the faith.—1 Tim. 1:18; 6:12.

[4] As you know, the Theocratic School schedule has been revised for 1981. In view of this, a model school will be conducted at the circuit assembly. It will be good for everyone to benefit from the district overseer's counsel following each student's presentation.

[5] The assembly program will also point out the need to distribute zealously the timely message in our magazines and why we should act now on what we have heard in order to make our advancement manifest. There will also be a straightforward part on the program showing how to go on waging our Christian warfare. These provisions will strengthen us for our Christian fight. We need to protect our spirituality as the end of this system approaches. So be sure to attend the next assembly arranged for your circuit!

"Go . . . Make Disciples" *(Cont'd)*

ers in his group in order to help the conductors in this regard.

[6] Reports indicate a need for more to share in the disciple-making activity. For example, during the 1979 service year, over *seven million* books were placed with people living in this country. The average number of Bible studies conducted each month came to 275,978. So if more share in following up on placements in the field, no doubt many more home Bible studies can be started with the prospect of additional Christian disciples being made.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

January 4:	Pages 7 to 15
January 11:	Pages 16 to 25*
January 18:	Pages 25* to 32*
January 25:	Pages 32* to 40

* To or from subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why the Bible Was Written

1 Cor. 10:11—Sounds a warning.

2 Tim. 3:15—Makes wise for salvation.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Offering the "Watchtower" Subscription

1 What effect can *The Watchtower* have upon honest-hearted persons? (John 10:14) A college student found copies of *The Watchtower* in the ladies lounge of the department store where she worked. Noticing an order blank on one, she sent for a subscription. To the Witness who called on her she said: "I do love to read the Bible and since I found *The Watchtower* I enjoy reading it also." While she had a strong desire to aid others, she felt that her college course really did not qualify her to do so. She now feels that she has something with which she can really help other people.

2 Because we all recognize the powerful influence for good found in the pages of *The Watchtower,* we look forward to offering the subscription to lovers of truth and life. By reading the magazine, thousands of honest-hearted persons have come to know and love Jehovah. It has aided them to enjoy an ever-greater depth of appreciation for him and his purpose. We should plan to use all opportunities to present the good news by offering subscriptions.

3 One of the foremost ways to acquaint others with the wonderful message of *The Watchtower* is by offering it from house to house. Each of us may develop our presentation in a way that is adaptable to the local people and circumstances. However, some may enjoy using the following: "Hello, my name is ——. I'm calling today on people who love the Bible and believe that it has a timely message for mankind. Perhaps like many in your neighborhood you have a family Bible in your home. Have you ever wondered how the Bible can benefit you and your family today? [Let householder respond.] Notice what we are told at 1 Corinthians 10:11. [Read.] When public warning is given of an impending disaster, we do well to heed it. How much more so should we give attention to the divine warning found in the Bible, since life is involved. Don't you agree? [Allow response.] Knowing that God may soon take action against the wicked, it would be wise on our part to listen. Second Timothy 3:15 comments on the good results to us. [Read.]" We can then offer the subscription, highlighting specific points of interest in the current issue. The January 15 issue will feature the material "Why Will a Loving God Exact Vengeance?"

4 What if some people in your territory are not very interested in the Bible? You may approach them in this way: "I'm calling out of concern for my neighbors. You probably feel the effects of worsening world conditions. Do you think that mankind will achieve something better in our lifetime? [Allow response.] Many people do not. However, the oldest history book available tells us that we are living in the 'time of the end.' In fact, God has provided us with a written warning. Notice what the Bible tells us at 1 Corinthians 10:11. [Read.] If we are to have a happy future, then we must listen to the warning message the Bible gives and then act upon it. This is encouraged at 2 Timothy 3:15. [Read.] We have found that *The Watchtower* has aided families the world over for more than 100 years to understand the Bible's message and learn about a better future."

5 Magazine routes also serve as a fine avenue for obtaining subscriptions. Those who regularly obtain the magazines have already shown interest in our journals and likely would appreciate getting them through the mail. Often, it is simply a matter of letting them know that they are available on a subscription basis.

6 A regular subscriber to *The Watchtower* who has been studying a little over a year writes: "I know this is the truth and my life has been changed. Now I am separate from the world and I look to Jehovah for all my answers. The truth has indeed set me free!" Such blessings and experiences can be ours by offering subscriptions.

7 Of course, we may meet some people who feel they cannot afford a subscription at the time we call, but they would like to read the magazines. In some places the delivery of mail is so poor that people do not wish to subscribe for anything coming by mail. So we want to be sure to leave the single issues of the magazines with them. It is always good to take note of these individuals and call back, perhaps developing several such calls into magazine routes.

8 Regardless of the avenue we might choose, we will enjoy much success and Jehovah's blessing if we present the good news with sincerity and the firm conviction that *The Watchtower* contains what the person needs.

Announcements

● Literature offer for January: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50. February and March: Any 192-page book (60c) in congregation stock. April and May: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50.

● Prepare for Memorial and special talk: Please order Memorial invitations and special talk handbills now so that your congregation will receive them well in advance of the Memorial celebration on Sunday, April 19, and special talk to be held on Sunday, April 5. Memorial invitations may be ordered in lots of 250, 500 and 1,000, using the special blue *Memorial Invitation Order Form.* The special talk handbill should be ordered on the yellow *Special Talk Handbill Order.* Two copies of each form are being sent to congregations with the December statement. The special talk will be on the subject: "On Whose Promises Do You Rely?" PLEASE DO NOT REMIT WITH YOUR ORDER. The invitations and handbills will be charged to your congregation's literature account. Payment for these should be included with the amount of money remitted for literature. Please *do not* list payment for invitations and handbills separately on the remittance form.

● At circuit assemblies having the new program starting in February, district overseers will give the public talk "Facing the Future with Faith and Courage." Starting in February, circuit overseers will give a public talk with the theme "Encourage One Another as the Day Draws Near."

● New Publications Available:

Good News—to Make You Happy
—Hiligaynon, Pangasinan, Romanian
Life Does Have a Purpose
—Croatian
Making Your Family Life Happy
—Arabic, Greek, New Guinea Pidgin, Tagalog

● A recording of the Bible book *To the Romans* is now available in English on a single cassette at a cost of $2.00 each. Pioneers may order the cassette at a cost of $1.75. The two recordings released at the English district conventions this past summer are also available. These include *The Good News According to Mark* (2 cassettes), $3.00, congregation; $2.50, pioneer. *Kingdom Melodies-1,* $2.00, congregation; $1.75, pioneer. Cassettes should be ordered through the congregation on the regular Literature Order Blank, using the space provided. These cassettes will also be available with Braille labels for use by the blind.

● The Society now has available in grade-two English Braille the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached.* This nine-volume publication may be obtained on a free loan basis or purchased and kept permanently. A remittance of $9.00 should accompany orders if purchased. All orders for Braille items should be sent to the Society's BRAILLE DESK and not included on regular congregation literature orders. Braille publications should not be stocked by the congregation.

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	551	125.6	98.9	47.9	4.9
Pios.	17,861	87.4	67.8	32.4	3.4
Aux. Pios.	21,626	59.8	47.9	19.2	1.5
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FEBRUARY 2-8

When witnessing in cold or inclement weather:

1. What can we say that may assist us in getting into homes?
2. How can we show consideration for householders?
3. How can we show consideration for publishers working with us?

FEBRUARY 9-15

When presenting literature, why is it good to:

1. Highlight specific point or illustration from publication?
2. Show how publication will specifically help householder?
3. Hand publication to person?

FEBRUARY 16-22

Why should we be concerned about the appearance of:

1. Our copy of the Bible?
2. Our book bag?
3. The literature that we offer?

FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 1

Why is it beneficial for us to work in field service with:

1. The elders and ministerial servants?
2. The pioneers?
3. Less experienced publishers and youths?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

February 1:	Pages 41 to 49*
February 8:	Pages 49* to 56†
February 15:	Pages 57 to 64†
February 22:	Pages 65 to 72*

* To or from subheading.
† Include last paragraph on page.

Have Love for the Whole Association of Brothers

1 "If you were part of the world, the world would be fond of what is its own. Now because you are no part of the world . . . the world hates you." (John 15:19) With those words Jesus Christ told his followers about one of the problems in life that Christians would face, namely, the hatred of the world under the influence and control of Satan the Devil. History bears out the truth of those words. That hatred was expressed in all its fury against Jesus who was impaled at the hands of those of "the world" under the direction of Satan. And it has been expressed since that time against the followers of Jesus earth wide right down to our present generation.

2 Since there would be this intense hatred from the world, it can readily be appreciated that when Jesus gave the commandment to his disciples to love one another it would take on great meaning in their lives. In fact, Jesus said: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love among yourselves." (John 13:35) The need for this love becomes more and more apparent, living, as we are, deep in the time of the end.

OVERCOMING DIFFERENCES

3 Due to our imperfection there may be times when we fail to express love for our brothers. There may be differences in personality, individual likes and dislikes, differences in cultural background, and so on. When we encounter such differences we need to consider seriously the race for life into which all of us as followers of Christ have entered. While it is easy to find weaknesses and imperfections in our brothers, if we have the mind of Christ we will look to find their strong points, those areas in life where they are striving to exhibit faith and godly works. We will recognize that we, too, have certain traits that are not necessarily admired by others, and yet we want understanding of *our weaknesses.*

4 Paul, in Colossians 3:13, 14, said this: "Continue putting up with one another and forgiving

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CONGREGATION MEETINGS—PART IV

A Provision to Help Us Make Disciples

1 Jesus Christ was a disciple-maker! He also taught his disciples to share in the preaching and disciple-making work as well. (Matt. 10:5; 11:1) Those early disciples recognized the importance of sharing the truth with others in compliance with Jesus' command as recorded at Matthew 28:19, 20.

2 Likewise, today, the heartfelt desire of each Christian should be to influence others to follow Jesus Christ and become his disciples. What a grand privilege we have to engage in 'publicly declaring' the truth of God's Word in a manner worthy of the "good news." (Rom. 10:9, 10, 13, 14) If we appreciate that our salvation as well as that of those to whom we preach is at stake, we will be moved to share whole-souled in this lifesaving work. (1 Tim. 4:16; Acts 20:26, 27) This will enhance our appreciation for the numerous provisions that stimulate our desire to share fully in the preaching and disciple-making work. One of these provisions is the service meeting.

BENEFITS RECEIVED

3 Information presented on the service meeting serves to build us up spiritually and equips us to share more zealously and effectively in the preaching and disciple-making work. Consider specific ways in which we personally benefit.

4 We are encouraged to participate regularly in the house-to-house work, not only because of this fine apostolic example, but also because of the fine results obtained. *Our Kingdom Service* often provides detailed presentations that we can use in the field. Suggestions are given showing how to start conversations, use tact, adapt ourselves to different situations, and so forth. Additionally, we are shown how we can assist our brothers to become more effective.

5 Service meetings also help us to appreciate better our responsibility to return and help persons who display an interest in the truth. We have been shown why we need to keep accurate records

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 1

Song 25

20 min: Question-and-answer coverage of insert material on "Attend the 1981 District Convention."

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Making Return Visits." An elder and a ministerial servant discuss information, involving audience. Have capable teacher demonstrate return visits by calling back on interested person. Review key points of presentation with congregation, stressing need for advance preparation.

10 min: Review current Topic for Conversation with congregation, illustrating how current literature offer can be effectively tied into Bible presentation. Highlight specific points such as chapters and illustrations that can be used from 192-page books congregation has in stock. Highlight service arrangements for week. Local announcements. Remind all to review chapters 14 and 15 from *Happiness* book to be covered in public talk. Song 8 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 8

Song 108

12 min: Accounts report and other announcements, including field service arrangements for congregation. Consider Question Box.

18 min: "Have Love for the Whole Association of Brothers." Questions and answers. On paragraph six, ask audience how they have found it helpful working with others in the service and in other ways.

15 min: "We Need Jehovah's Organization." Talk by elder. For source material consult *Watchtower,* December 15, 1962, pages 758-763; *Watchtower,* July 1, 1979, pages 20-30. In conclusion, encourage all to review chapters 16 and 17 of *Happiness* book in preparation for this week's public talk. Song 65 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 15

Song 102

5 min: Announcements and field service arrangements.

17 min: "Congregation Meetings—Part IV." Questions and answers. Highlight section "Advance Preparation Needed" and apply material to local needs.

13 min: "Directing People to the Christian Congregation." Discussion and demonstration by brother who takes lead in Bible study activity. Jesus was appointed by his Father as head of Christian congregation. (Eph. 1:22, 23) He appointed a "faithful and discreet slave" class to care for his interests on earth. (Matt. 24:45-47) Individual Christians must recognize arrangement and work closely with organization. (Isa. 2:2, 3; Heb. 10:23, 24) It is recommended that we develop a regular program of progressively directing students to organization. A few minutes can be taken at conclusion of weekly study to do so. Subjects can be considered, such as location and function of Kingdom Hall; purpose of each meeting and how conducted; no collections at meetings (Matt. 6:2, 3); appointed elders have no titles (Matt. 23:8-10); all in congregation share in witnessing and teaching (Acts 8:1, 4). What other topics can be considered? What visual aids could be used? Why is it necessary for students to learn function of the organization on both global and local scale?

Have demonstration of qualified publisher directing student to organization by covering a specific point outlined above. Review key points, as time allows.

10 min: Talk on subject "Share Regularly in Magazine Distribution." It is vital that we appreciate the part *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* have in spreading the good news of the Kingdom. Even though persons may have limited interest in our message, they are often willing to accept magazines. Distribution has increased during last service year. (Note current *Yearbook.*) A constant effort is being put forth to make magazines more interesting and appealing. Are we making full use of this provision? All will want to have a regular share in magazine activity. Select specific theme that ties in with a preselected article or subject from current issues. Highlight illustrations. (Illustrate talking points from current issues.) Young publishers can be effective in placing magazines. Prepare and participate in this activity as a family. While congregations may have arrangements for publishers to participate in the magazine activity every Saturday, it is suggested that all make special effort to share in some feature of magazine distribution on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, whether it be regular house-to-house or store-to-store work, engaging in street work, or building up a magazine route. All will want to endeavor to be magazine conscious, appreciating the full value of these publications.

Encourage congregation to review chapters 18 to 20 in *Happiness* book in preparation for public talk. Song 99 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 22

Song 73

10 min: Announcements and field service arrangements. Consider main points of articles "Making Good Use of Circuit Overseer's Report" and "Unworked Territory."

15 min: "Dating and Courtship." Based on *Youth* book, chapter 19. Talk and demonstration by brother who is a parent, if possible. It is normal for single persons to think of courtship and marriage. It is vital, however, that those contemplating marriage follow Bible principles and endeavor to please Jehovah. Be careful not to imitate spirit of world. (Gal. 5:19-21) Follow direction of Christian parents and elders.—Phil. 4:8, 9; Eph. 6:1.

Demonstration: Father and teenage son consider subject of dating. Son respectfully asks why he cannot date as others do. Father kindly gives direction, using material from *Youth* book, pages 142-151. Purpose of dating. Why many young people want to date. Dangers of pairing off together. Premature dating can hinder one's development. Reason with son on Bible principles involved.

Chairman reviews basic points considered. Frankly outline need for engaged couples likewise to maintain wholesome conduct during courtship. (*Youth* book, pp. 152-156) Invite congregation to comment on practical value of heeding Scriptural counsel during dating and courtship.

10 min: "Marry 'Only in the Lord.'" Talk based on *Awake!* of March 22, 1979, pages 27, 28. Highlight blessings received from heeding Scriptural direction.

10 min: Interview two publishers who have recently participated in the auxiliary pioneer work. Outline how they were able to adjust their schedule to pioneer even though having responsibilities similar to many in congregation. Also encourage all to participate in field service next Sunday, the first Sunday in March. Song 70 and prayer.

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ATTEND THE 1981 DISTRICT CONVENTION

[1] "Kingdom Loyalty" District Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses. What a fine theme to stimulate our desire to attend the 1981 district convention! With worsening conditions and nationalism abounding in the world, how necessary that faithful Christians assemble together to strengthen their loyalty to Jehovah and his kingdom. (Heb. 10:23-25) A truly fine opportunity will be afforded to meet together with thousands of loyal brothers and sisters at over 100 locations this coming summer, as listed in the February 15 *Watchtower* (English). Additionally, we are providing the following necessary information to enable you to make your arrangements to attend, as well as to assist others who may need help to be there with you.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

[2] Last year the Society instituted a new system of rooming for district conventions in order to assist everyone needing accommodations and to simplify the overall rooming operation. (See *Our Kingdom Service,* February 1980.) For the most part, this arrangement proved to be very beneficial for all concerned and will be used again this year.

[3] Under this arrangement you will make all your own arrangements directly with the hotel/motel. In most cases you will pay much less than the regular rates charged by that hotel/motel since the convention has arranged for a large number of rooms to be set aside for this purpose. Already many managers of good quality hotels and motels in the convention cities have been approached and the best rates possible have been negotiated with them for those attending each convention. A number of rooms in each of these hotels and motels have been blocked off to be assigned by the hotel/motel only to those identifying themselves as Jehovah's Witnesses or as delegates attending the Watchtower Convention. In most cases, by the middle of January 1981, your congregation will have received a list of hotels and motels in the convention city that are cooperating closely with the Society's rooming arrangement. It will show the address of the facility, its agreed-upon rates to those attending the convention and the phone number to be used in making your reservations, along with other information.

[4] **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** As soon as your congregation receives the list of hotels and motels from the convention organization, you should select the facility where you would prefer to stay. Then phone the hotel or motel *immediately,* identifying yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses or as a delegate attending the Watchtower Convention. Doing so will qualify you for the agreed-upon rates listed. One night's deposit (credit card, cashier's check or money order) will be required at all locations and should be sent to them as soon as your reservations are confirmed. This deposit should be sent to the hotel or motel directly, well in advance of the cutoff date listed on the sheet(s) received from the rooming department. *Motels and/or hotels are not obligated to hold the rooms without a deposit or extend the special rates beyond the cutoff date.* If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodation you should write or phone the hotel/motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available to other delegates who may desire the accommodation. The convention rooming department will be monitoring the arrangement and will provide additional information through the congregation, such as which hotels/motels are filled after a month or two, as well as any additional ones it may find necessary to add to the list. Remember, therefore, that it will be your responsibility to contact the hotel/motel and make reservations based on the information provided on the list. If the hotel/motel you call first is filled, then it will be necessary for you to call the next one you have selected from the list, and so on.

[5] **DORMITORIES:** A few conventions find it necessary to use school dormitories in order to accommodate all those attending. In most

cases, the congregations will receive information on these a month or so after the first hotel/motel listing is sent. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow through in accord with the instructions set out on the list that will be sent to the congregation by the convention rooming department.

6 **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Most arrangements to care for those with special needs have customarily originated at the local congregation where such ones attend. Elders and others who are aware of such circumstances have lovingly extended help, which is commendable. This has often involved taking others with them in their own group—those in full-time service, the elderly, infirm or needy ones. Also they have cared for their needs in other ways, such as assisting them in making arrangements or even aiding them financially, if possible and where needed. (Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17, 18) We are confident that such loving concern will continue to be shown to all such loyal ones. (John 13:35; Gal. 6:10) However, the convention rooming department will function to provide rooming accommodations for those with special needs who can neither be cared for by themselves nor by those in the congregation where they attend. Such ones may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for a Special Needs Room Request Form, discussing their situation with him at this time. Those with special needs are the only ones that should use this form. They should fill it out and return it to the convention coordinator to be checked for completeness, accuracy and verification of circumstances. Even though he forwards it to the convention rooming department, the individual(s) will be notified of the accommodations directly by the rooming department. This should be done well ahead of the convention. (The one with special needs should *not* simply go to the convention and request a room when he arrives, because the convention rooming department needs the congregation convention coordinator's verification of the circumstances.) Both private homes and hotel/motel accommodations will be used in caring for those with special needs, according to their circumstances. Please keep in mind that private home accommodations listed by the convention are usually set aside for those with limited funds who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not made available. They are not intended for those who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money, such as for a vacation. Also, private home accommodations are for the convention period only. It hardly seems proper to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting them to accommodate delegates for extra days so as to visit vacation spots or do other things in the area before or after the convention.

7 **DELEGATES ATTENDING OUT OF THE ASSIGNED AREA:** District conventions are arranged at many locations to reduce the travel required in order to attend. In nearly every case, the location recommended for you to attend is the one nearest your congregation. Seating, literature, food orders, and so forth, are planned on the premise that the great majority will attend the convention to which they are assigned. However, a few for various reasons may choose to attend a location other than the one recommended for their congregation. Such individuals may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for the address of the convention headquarters where they wish to attend. These addresses are listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request Form. Unless these persons have special needs, they should not use the Special Needs Room Request Form. Rather, they should write to the convention headquarters and request a copy of the hotel/-motel listing for that location, sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with this request. Upon receipt of this listing of hotels/motels they should proceed just as if they were using the listing for their local area.

8 **YOUR COOPERATION APPRECIATED:** The smoothness with which this rooming arrangement functions will largely depend on the cooperation of everyone involved—the convention rooming department, the hotels and motels, the elders serving as convention coordinators and those being accommodated. It would be good to keep two things in mind in order to avoid a problem. If a number of delegates attempt to make hotel/motel

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 2-8

How do you plan to:

1. Make the new Topic for Conversation applicable to the householder?
2. Help the householder to reason on Matthew 5:3?
3. Stimulate a desire in the householder to look into the publication offered?

MARCH 9-15

How is discretion a help:

1. In working territories in high-crime or other difficult areas?
2. When going on some of your Bible studies alone?
3. When working in field service with unrelated persons of the opposite sex?

MARCH 16-22

To keep initial interest alive:

1. Why might it be wise at times to make a return visit the next day?
2. Why must we personally prepare once we have started a study?

MARCH 23-29

Special Activity

1. Why make an extra effort to invite interested ones to the special talk on April 5?
2. What do you plan to say to build up their interest in the talk?
3. In what ways can we help them benefit from their attendance at this talk?

A Night to Remember!

1 “Keep doing this in remembrance of me”! (Luke 22:19) Once each year at the appropriate time Jesus’ disciples were to gather to celebrate the Lord’s Evening Meal, recalling as they did so his sacrifice, his pattern of life and his deep love for them. (1 Cor. 11:26; Matt. 11:28-30) Jehovah’s faithful people today still obey this command and so all who are physically able will assemble for this celebration after sundown, April 19, 1981.

2 On that night we should each carefully examine our personal relationship with Jehovah and his Son. Has what they have done in providing the sacrifice drawn us closer to them? It should. (1 John 4:9, 10) Has our conduct over the past year demonstrated this? (1 John 5:3) If not, then serious thought should be given to developing a closer relationship with them, making whatever adjustments are necessary. Remembering Jesus’ course of integrity and his example will help us to do this. —Heb. 5:8.

3 As we reflect on the significance of the occasion, how vital it is that we stay close to Jehovah through daily personal prayer, right conduct, field service and meeting attendance. Do not let this Memorial pass without meditation on Jehovah’s goodness, contemplating what can be done to draw even closer to him and strengthening our resolve to fulfill our dedication.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIELD SERVICE

4 We remember Jesus as a teller of the good news. By copying his example of preaching we can demonstrate our love for him. Well before the Lord’s Evening Meal, make full use of the special invitations printed for the occasion. If those you invite have never been to the Kingdom Hall, suggest that they attend meetings before Memorial so they can be acquainted with the location and the people they will meet there. Too, it would be good to keep a record of all you

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CONGREGATION MEETINGS—PART V

Benefiting from Public Talks

1 Were you in attendance when the first organized series of public talks, as we know them, began in January of 1945? There were only about 65,000 publishers in the United States in those days. Now, 36 years and 485,000 more publishers later, we can look back and say that the public talks have been of much benefit. They have definitely played their part in introducing many thousands of us to the truth and strengthening the faith of us all.

2 Perhaps the ones who have benefited most from the public talks are the speakers themselves. Why so? When enlarging on the fine outlines provided them, they have had to research the Bible and the Society’s publications to make the talks instructive and interesting. Their research has broadened their understanding of the Scriptures and has caused their faith to be made more firm.

3 In delivering their talks, the speakers endeavor to copy Jesus, the greatest public speaker of all times. He spoke with authority, also with kindness and love, so that the heart of the receptive hearers was moved to respond favorably. (Matt. 7:29) Even opposers said of him, “Never has another man spoken like this.” (John 7:46) His talks were outstanding due to the fact that he expressed his Father’s thoughts and principles with simplicity, conviction and understanding. He motivated people to act. (Matt. 7:28; 22:46) He appealed to all segments of his audience—people young and old, from all walks of life—using illustrations that they understood. (Matt. 13:3-9, 34, 35, 45-48) He aimed his message at the heart of his listeners, using penetrating questions to cause them to think, search their motives, arrive at their own conclusions and make decisions.—Matt. 16:5-16; 17:24-27; 26:52-54.

4 When speakers deliver their well-researched material in a manner like Jesus, the audience cannot do otherwise than benefit. But how can the audience get the most out of the talk? It is important to pay attention to what is being said, not allowing one’s mind to wander. Looking up the scriptures and reading them along with the speaker is one way to stay alert. Some try to recall what the scripture states even before the speaker reads it. Taking a few notes helps too, because thereby one repeats on paper what was heard, making a double impression.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 1

Song 1

8 min: Warm welcome to service meeting. Appropriate announcements from *Our Kingdom Service* and local announcements.

12 min: Talk on subject "By What System Is Your Family Governed?" (*Watchtower,* November 15, 1980) Emphasize importance of loving headship on part of husband and need for wife and children to respect headship.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the Topic for Conversation." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Demonstrate material in paragraphs 2 and 3. Encourage brothers to carry several appropriate books, such as *Evolution, Peace and Security* and *This Life,* to appeal to various householders. Be alert to use publication that will answer householder's questions. Point to chapter and, if possible, read a few sentences from publication that will show the householder that he will benefit from the literature. Use headings and pictures in books. For example, using the *Family Life* book, the illustrations on pages 93, 100, 104, would be useful. Also, if the illustration on page 117 was used, one could use points from paragraphs 6 and 7 on page 116.

5 min: Experiences from audience outlining favorable success in placing books during February.

Song 117 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 8

Song 43

6 min: Introduction and local announcements. Accounts report.

12 min: Consider Theocratic News and information on "New Tract to Use with *Happiness* Book."

15 min: "Congregation Meetings—Part V: Benefiting from Public Talks." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Invite audience to bring in points they have remembered from public talks that have affected their lives for good.

12 min: Discussion with audience on magazine day activity. Invite audience to comment on what they will say in offering magazines, what article could be appropriately highlighted in current issue and various opportunities available for placing magazines, such as house-to-house, street work, store-to-store. Speaker should prepare talking points from magazines to present to audience. Mention the well-pictured articles appearing the 15th of each month in *The Watchtower.* For example, the March 15 issue has an article on the subject "Do All Good Persons Go to Heaven?" This might be fine for return visits.

Song 109 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 15

Song 67

8 min: Introduction and local announcements.

15 min: Prepare locally, covering needs of congregation.

12 min: Congregation field service report. Service overseer should discuss this with audience, letting them know what congregation has done during the first six months of the service year. He should make practical suggestions on what may be done for all to be even more involved in declaring the good news of the Kingdom.

10 min: Discussion of Question Box, emphasizing how Bible study reports can help book study conductor to assist those in his group.

Song 95 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 22

Song 52

5 min: Introduction and local announcements.

15 min: Question-and-answer coverage of article "Have You Considered Serving Jehovah as a Pioneer?" If possible, part should be handled by qualified brother who is or has been in full-time service. Encourage as many as possible to share in auxiliary pioneer service in April.

15 min: Directing new ones to the organization. Interview ones in the congregation who have been successful in helping people to attend meetings. Outline specific steps that can be taken to direct new ones to the organization. For example, one brother had a photograph of the Kingdom Hall that he showed to new Bible students. In addition, he gave them a handbill, listing the five congregation meetings. For five weeks thereafter he would review each of the local meetings, encouraging his students to attend. Emphasize, too, inviting people to the special public talk on April 5.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

March 1: Pages 72* to 81*
March 8: Pages 81* to 87*
March 15: Pages 87* to 93*
March 22: Pages 93* to 100
March 29: Pages 101 to 108

* To or from subheading.

10 min: Invite congregation to relate field experiences enjoyed. Endeavor to arrange these in advance, if possible.

Song 68 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 29

Song 47

5 min: Introduction and local announcements.

25 min: Question-and-answer discussion of "A Night to Remember!" On paragraphs 4-6 clearly outline field service arrangements to invite as many as possible to the Memorial. Review arrangements for what will be done for those who are shut-in, infirm, or may have problems in attending. Make mention of points from April 1, 1981, *Watchtower,* that may be used in inviting persons to attend.

15 min: Talk. Getting Ready for Two-month *Watchtower* Campaign. Show why we need to be thoroughly familiar with contents of each issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* As brothers read articles, they can think of points to use in field service, perhaps marking them in personal copy. Chairman illustrates how this can be done, mentioning specific points that he is going to use when offering magazines. Get additional ideas from audience. Discuss need for enthusiasm for offering subscriptions. Let people know that we use the material in our lives and benefit from it spiritually. Have two realistic demonstrations: a brief presentation using one scripture and another with two scriptures. Chairman comments on need to adapt presentation to householder, religious attitudes and viewpoints.

Song 104 and prayer.

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	531	127.1	87.9	49.2	5.0
Pios.	18,509	78.0	55.5	29.8	3.4
Aux. Pios.	13,614	59.3	42.4	19.5	1.8
Pubs.	521,896	8.1	8.0	3.6	.4
TOTAL	554,550				

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TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

What Makes for Happiness?

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

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Have You Considered Serving Jehovah as a Pioneer?

1 How encouraging it is to observe the fine work being done by pioneers. "Zealous for fine works" is the apt description the apostle Paul gave of diligent workers in his day. (Titus 2:14) What about today? "There are not words to describe the joy I find in serving Jehovah as a pioneer," replies one sister. Can you, too, experience such feelings about your sacred service?

2 One of the first steps toward pioneering is to work at developing the pioneer spirit. What is that? As we learned at the last series of circuit assemblies, it is a right attitude or disposition toward the command to preach. It involves an interest in people. It is a spirit of joy in doing the will of God in these last days. While some are devoted to maintaining a certain standard of living, those with the pioneer spirit are willing to make sacrifices in order to spend more time in assisting people. (Matt. 13:45, 46) Do only the pioneers have the pioneer spirit? No. Many have this spirit though their circumstances may not allow them to pioneer.

3 How can you determine if pioneering is possible in your circumstances? Likely there are some in your congregation who are or have been pioneers. Why not talk to them about it? They will be glad to give you helpful suggestions on how to arrange a workable schedule. (Eph. 5:16) One must learn to balance personal study and family responsibilities with field service. Time is needed to care for material needs and this may require secular employment. So the right use of funds enters the picture. If you keep things simple and put the interests of God's kingdom first, you will be imitating Jesus Christ and will find happiness in the pioneer service.

4 Suppose you find pioneering financially possible, but you are not sure your health will hold up or whether you can arrange a workable schedule? Why not try auxiliary pioneering for a few months while you work things out? If successful, then by all means consider pioneering for at least a year. This will give you an opportunity to see how your health, schedule, and so forth, work out over a longer period of time. No doubt once you have tasted the joys of pioneering you will not want to stop; but if it does not work out for you, at least you will have had a fine year of rich blessings in the full-time service that you will treasure.

5 Do you have a problem getting someone to work with you? Encouraging others to share in the auxiliary or regular pioneer work can often be the means of finding a pioneer partner. By taking the initiative and letting others know that you will be glad to work with them, they are often moved to try it. An invitation with a brief

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A Night to Remember (*Cont'd*)

invite so that you can call back after Memorial to help them regularly attend the meetings and study the Bible.

5 If you are not able to share in visiting people in their home, could you call them on the telephone or write letters inviting them to attend? Why not make it a goal to invite at least two other persons besides those with whom you study the Bible? What about unbelieving family members, neighbors, or those with whom you work? As you explain to each one the importance of the occasion and why it is such a sacred night to Jehovah's Witnesses, you will build up their understanding and strengthen your own appreciation.

6 The service overseer will make arrangements for special field service activity on the day of the Memorial. There will be no other meetings that day. (See Announcements.) Special attention will be given to making return visits on any who have expressed interest. Since the Memorial falls on Sunday when most people are free to attend, it should be possible to aid many more than usual to come to this most important meeting. As you speak with them, you will find helpful information in the article "Celebrating the Death of the Greatest Man Ever on Earth" in the April 1 *Watchtower.*

MAKING EVERYONE GLAD THEY CAME

7 We want everyone to feel welcome and to benefit from the meeting. Elders and ministerial servants should set the example in showing warmth and friendliness to all who come. Each of us will want to go out of our way to make others welcome. If there is time, show new ones around the Hall. Introduce them to others. Be alert for the opportunity to arrange for a Bible study. The brother giving the talk can especially make all glad they came by appealing to their heart with a clear, understandable talk, warmly delivered.

8 On this very special night, let us have uppermost in our minds maintaining integrity to Jehovah. In this we will copy Jesus. Let us, too, whether of the anointed or other sheep, manifest our unity with one another in pure worship. By our united, integrity-keeping course we will show that we are truly remembering the significance of that night.

Announcements

- Literature offer for March: One of the older 192-page books for 60c. (Use books in congregation stock.) April and May: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50. June and July: *Happiness—How to Find It* book. If not available, any other 192-page book for 60c.
- The Memorial celebration will be held Sunday, April 19, 1981. Please remember that the passing of the Memorial bread and wine should *not begin until after sundown,* local time, though the talk may start earlier. Please check locally as to when sundown will be on April 19. No other congregation meetings should be conducted on that date. The *Watchtower* study may be held on Saturday, where possible. Where other arrangements need to be made, the Theocratic School for the week of April 12 may be canceled and the *Watchtower* study held in its place, being reduced to 45 minutes.
- The special talk may be given the following week if a circuit overseer's visit or a circuit assembly is scheduled for April 5.

Congregation Meetings (*Cont'd*)

5 Many who have listened carefully to public talks have been moved to make changes in their lives. After a recent talk a sister said, "At last I see why it is so important for me to be more kind and thoughtful in dealing with my family." What the speaker said reached the heart and changes were made. This emphasizes the benefit of repetition of Scriptural counsel from week to week.—John 13:17.

WHAT BENEFITS LIE AHEAD

6 In March we will be starting a new series of 60 public talks. We can look forward to hearing such subjects as "Bearing Up Under Persecution," "What Is Behind the Spirit of Rebellion?" and "Is the Truth Transforming Your Life?" While some of the talk titles may sound familiar, the outlines have been brought up to date.

7 Those who are assigned these new talks will want to prepare well so that the material used will be informative and practical. Speakers should be enthusiastic, endeavoring to teach, encourage and motivate others. Their talks should be just 45 minutes in length. All of us will want to attend and benefit from these public talks, demonstrating that we fully appreciate being taught by Jehovah.—John 6:45.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the Topic for Conversation

1 Do you remember how happy you were when you learned of God's purposes for the earth and mankind? This happiness led to your being conscious of your spiritual need and moved you to act upon it. As we speak to people at the doors we can help them to realize the same happiness. During the next few months we will be using Matthew 5:3 and Revelation 1:3 to help people become aware of what makes for happiness.

2 In March we will be offering one of the older 192-page books. April and May will find us in the *Watchtower* subscription campaign. Whatever publication you may be offering, your conversation could begin with Matthew 5:3. After introducing yourself you might say: "What do you think it would take for people to be happy? [Allow for response, and acknowledge what was said.] Jesus made some observations on what would make us happy in his Sermon on the Mount. At Matthew 5:3 he outlined a key factor that is needed. [Read.] Why did Jesus say that being conscious of our spiritual need would make us happy? Because it moves us to learn more about what God's purpose is for mankind. The principles and laws outlined in the Bible are for our eternal good."

3 At this point you may offer the publication or continue by saying, "At Revelation 1:3 Jesus said that persons would be happy if they 'observed the things written' in God's Word. To help you understand the Bible and how it applies to you personally, we are offering this publication." Then present offer, drawing attention to specific points that will help householder to see the value of the publication.

4 If you are speaking to a Jewish person, Psalm 119:2 could be used to show the importance of being aware of spiritual needs. Then reference may be made to Isaiah 25:8 or 33:24 to show the promises God has made of earthly blessings for those who do his will.

5 The above approach, combined with a sincere desire to help people to become conscious of their spiritual need, could very well direct honest-hearted ones you meet toward the provisions Jehovah has made for their salvation.

Pioneering (*Cont'd*)

word of encouragement from you may be all it takes.

6 When can you begin sharing in this special work? What about the month of April? The weather will be getting warmer, and what better way could one enjoy the beauty of springtime than in the pioneer service? If you are planning a family vacation later on, could you arrange to auxiliary pioneer in unassigned territory or with a congregation that needs help in covering its territory? Those who have done so in the past have found this can produce many happy memories.

7 In looking back over his 25 years of regular pioneer service, a brother wrote to the Society: "All in all, they leave good and happy memories with the feeling of some accomplishment, some discipline and some sacrifices. However, what we gain in return well offsets what we may have given up. —Mark 10:29, 30." Seven months later this brother passed away while still pioneering. What a fine example of the pioneer spirit! Can you share his feeling? Whether you are able to be a regular or an auxiliary pioneer, or even if circumstances do not permit you to do either, if you are "zealous for fine works," such fond memories of accomplishment can be yours.

Question Box

● What should be done with Bible study reports after the secretary has compiled the monthly field service report?

The secretary should keep the Bible study reports in his regular file box for two months; thereafter, the study reports can be given to the congregation book study conductors who may find them helpful in giving encouragement and personal assistance to those publishers who are conducting home Bible studies. Help may be given to the persons who are studying as well.

Book study conductors should strive to get acquainted with the interested persons and encourage them to associate with the local book study group, if at all possible. The book study conductor can speak encouragingly with the brothers and sisters about their home Bible studies, perhaps taking advantage of time before or after regular congregation meetings to do so. He may be able to arrange to accompany some of the publishers on their home Bible studies and offer spiritual encouragement in that way. Also the service overseer can give encouragement regarding the home Bible study work when he visits the congregation book study group, using information provided on the home Bible study report.

The secretary's file of Bible study reports should be available to the circuit overseer when he visits the congregation. He may also be able to accompany some of the publishers when they conduct their home Bible studies. This should prove to be especially encouraging to the student and helpful to the one conducting the study. Or the circuit overseer may be able to visit some of these interested persons at other times during his visit.

Whenever a Bible study is discontinued, this should be noted on the Bible study report slip, indicating the reason. When the circuit overseer visits the congregation, he will review the Bible study reports. It may be that some that have discontinued their studies can be helped to a greater appreciation of their spiritual needs. How fine it would be if some discontinued studies could be resumed and the individuals aided spiritually once more!

All of us are very much interested in the disciple-making work and will want to take advantage of every opportunity to encourage and help those new ones who are coming to a knowledge of the truth. The home Bible study reports can help. The congregation book study conductor can discard the older report slips month by month as he receives newer ones from the secretary.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Italy reports that no Witnesses lost their lives in the recent earthquake that hit the southern part of that country, although over 8,000 publishers lived in the affected area. Brothers provided relief for all who suffered losses. In one town many lost their homes, but all were attending the Kingdom Hall at the time and were safe since it was not damaged.

◆ El Salvador reported an 18-percent increase in November with a new peak of 8,034 publishers in spite of difficulties in the country. Publishers averaged 12.9 hours and one study each during the month.

◆ New peaks of publishers were reported for November by many branches including Alaska, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Finland, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Martinique, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

New Tract to Use with "Happiness" Book

You will have an exciting new item to use with the *Happiness* book during June and July. It is a colorful new tract, "Is a Happy Life Really Possible?" The tract will be printed with four colors, so it will readily catch attention. It is designed to move persons to have discussions, or a Bible study, using the new *Happiness* book. We are confident that the tract will be very effective. You will feel the same when you see it and use it in the field service.

Congregations should quickly determine their needs for the *two* months. Order in lots of 1,000, or multiples thereof, using the S-14 Literature Order Blank. The charge will be $3.50 per 1,000 tracts. Order *Kingdom News* No. 29.

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 30–APRIL 5
Preparing to offer the "Watchtower" subscription

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. What point in current "Watchtower" would you highlight?
3. What benefits does householder derive from being a "Watchtower" subscriber?

APRIL 6-12
Sharing Jehovah's view of people

1. How much does Jehovah value human life? (1 Tim. 2:6; Acts 20:28)
2. What do we learn about Jehovah's view from 2 Peter 3:9?
3. How should Jehovah's view affect us in service?

APRIL 13-19
Inviting others to the Memorial

1. Who can we invite?
2. How can the Memorial invitation be effectively used?
3. How can the April 1 "Watchtower" be used?

APRIL 20-26
How would you encourage a Memorial attender to:

1. Study the Bible regularly?
2. Attend meetings regularly?
3. Appreciate the organization?

APRIL 27–MAY 3
Advantages of house-to-house work

1. Why do Jehovah's Witnesses use this method? (Acts 20:20; 5:42)
2. What personal benefits have you derived?
3. What experiences have you enjoyed recently?

What Will the Memorial Move You to Do?

[1] On Sunday, April 19, 1981, after sundown, we will be gathered at our meeting places to commemorate the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 11:24, 25) What a heartwarming occasion this proves to be each year! We are grateful to have our mind and heart refreshed about the significance of what he did in our behalf. We are pleased when many interested ones assemble with us. But a large attendance is not our main concern. Rather, we want these interested persons to attend because the information presented about the ransom can reach their heart, moving them to share in pure worship. —Rev. 7:14, 15.

INVITE OTHERS TO MEMORIAL

[2] We personally want to remember God's beloved Son by imitating his compassion for those not "related to us in the faith" and invite them to meet with us. (Gal. 6:10) Today, as never before, they are truly "sheep without a shepherd." (Matt. 9:36) How good to have the fine information provided in the April 1, 1981, issue of *The Watchtower* to bring to them. The timely article entitled "Celebrating the Death of the Greatest Man Ever on Earth" should be an excellent means to stir interest in this observance. It has a fresh approach to the subject and this should make our invitations more appealing.

[3] Be sure to use the special Memorial invitation printed for the occasion. This invitation has helped interested ones to appreciate the importance of the Memorial and the benefit of attending. It would be good to extend one to every person we have record of showing interest.

INVITE TO REGULAR MEETINGS

[4] All newly interested persons attending the Memorial should be presented with a copy of the March 15, 1981, issue of *The Watchtower*. It features the subject "Glorifying the Ministry" as the first study article scheduled for April 19. The second study article entitled "Worker-Ministers"

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CONGREGATION MEETINGS—PART VI
Appreciating the "Watchtower" Study

[1] In Bible times an invitation to sit at the table of a king to dine on food prepared and served by his royal servants was a great honor, an expression of the king's "loving-kindness." (2 Sam. 9:7-13; 1 Kings 2:7) Today, do we not feel deeply grateful for what the Great King, Jehovah, has done on our behalf? Through his Son, Jesus Christ, he has arranged a bounteous table and has given all of his people a standing invitation to enjoy the best in wholesome, healthful spiritual food. The Master, Jesus Christ, has appointed a "faithful and discreet slave" to serve "food at the proper time." (Matt. 24:45-47) What has been the principal means through which the anointed "slave" class has distributed the "food"? Clearly, for over 100 years it has been *The Watchtower.*

HOW DO YOU VIEW "THE WATCHTOWER"?

[2] Knowing that the "slave" class is Christ's instrument for dealing with the congregation today should make our heart very receptive to what *The Watchtower* says. Also, knowing that *The Watchtower* endeavors to hold closely to the Scriptures builds confidence and makes us eager to examine each issue as we receive it.—Acts 17:11; see also 1964 *Watchtower,* page 574.

[3] Vital truths have been brought to the attention of Jehovah's people through *The Watchtower*. From the start, it has been boldly highlighting God's heavenly kingdom as man's real hope; giving proof that Christ's presence is invisible; and announcing that 1914 marks the end of the Gentile Times. The need to preach the established Kingdom, the clear distinction between Jehovah's organization and Satan's, the hope of eternal life on a paradise earth—all have been discussed Scripturally in their proper time. *The Watchtower,* from its first issue, has always built up appreciation for the value of Jesus Christ's ransom sacrifice and this continues to motivate us in our service.

[4] While we have seen the world sink deeper and deeper into cor-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING APRIL 5

Song 24

4 min: Local announcements and field service arrangements. Include appropriate Announcements.

15 min: "What Will the Memorial Move You to Do?" Question-and-answer coverage. Read paragraphs.

12 min: Aiding New Ones to Attend Meetings.

(1 min.) Introduction by chairman.

(5 min.) (Scene I) At conclusion of Bible study, two publishers give Memorial invitation to new one and invite to Memorial. Also, discuss article "Celebrating the Death of the Greatest Man Ever on Earth" in April 1, 1981, *Watchtower;* read paragraph 9. Make plans to be in attendance together.

(5 min.) (Scene II) Following Memorial celebration on night of April 19, new one invited to April 26 *Watchtower* study. Now, at first Bible study after Memorial, same new person informs the two publishers that he is planning to accept the invitation he received at the Memorial to attend April 26 *Watchtower* study. They prepare first few paragraphs of article "Worker-Ministers." Arrange to sit together at Kingdom Hall.

(1 min.) Chairman briefly reviews points and encourages follow-through.

10 min: Demonstration of current Topic for Conversation. Stress a transitional talking point from latest *Watchtower* and offer subscription.

4 min: Review meeting highlights and encourage all to follow up any interest recently found in territory.

Song 91 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 12

Song 116

5 min: Accounts report, local announcements and field service arrangements.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—House-to-House Work Brings Personal Benefits." Question-and-answer discussion. In considering the material under paragraph 3, ask audience for personal experiences that relate to the points listed. Make discussion practical with a view to encouraging fuller share in the house-to-house work.

12 min: Talk based on article "Are You a Subscriber?" Ask audience for suggestions as to who might be prospective subscribers and for any appropriate experiences.

10 min: Memorial and field service announcements. Brief demonstration on use of April 1 *Watchtower* and Memorial invitation in calling on interested persons. Encourage all to do Bible reading for the Memorial and to plan for a full share in field service this weekend. See Announcements.

Song 4 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 19

Song 5

5 min: Local announcements and field service arrangements.

18 min: "Appreciating the *Watchtower* Study." Question-and-answer discussion to be handled by the *Watchtower* study conductor, if possible. Allow for personal expressions of appreciation, particularly from those associated many years. Commend congregation for their efforts.

9 min: Preparing Memorial attenders for this week's *Watchtower* study. Demonstration showing how a publisher who had invited Memorial attender to *Watchtower* study on April 26 can go about acquainting that one with the *Watchtower* study. Point out the study schedule on inside back page, questions on bottom of page; explain how meeting is conducted and why it is beneficial to attend. Show example in this week's lesson of how scriptures are clarified.

13 min: Discussion of Question Box. Sister approaches book study conductor inquiring about the possibility of inviting her Bible student in service. Together they review suggestions. Sister expresses gratitude for assistance.

Song 57 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 26

Song 115

5 min: Local announcements and field service arrangements.

12 min: Consider progress being made by congregation in offering subscriptions and placing magazines during this month. How did April special issues of magazines help? Have a few experiences prepared beforehand showing how publishers started magazine routes. What are some of the advantages in regularly delivering magazines to interested persons?

18 min: Elders may use this time to consider what is needed locally, or a Scriptural talk based on article "Do Not Isolate Yourself" in November 15, 1980, *Watchtower,* may be presented. In either case, include commendation for efforts in bringing new ones to the Memorial and *Watchtower* study. Encourage follow-through on helping such interested ones.

10 min: Preparing for special field service first Sunday of May. Review how congregation has been doing regarding first-Sunday-of-month field service, and where improvement can be made. Also review offer, Topic for Conversation, and suggest talking points in latest magazines. Encourage all to share in field service this Sunday.

Song 55 and prayer.

Question Box

● When can a Bible student and others be invited to share in field service and thereafter be counted as a publisher?

Certainly there is good reason to rejoice when a new one wishes to join us in our public evangelizing work. At the same time, we recognize the need of safeguarding the name of Jehovah and the congregation from any reproach. This calls for discernment on the part of both the elders and the publishers.

Generally speaking, the publisher conducting the weekly Bible study is in a good position to evaluate the new one's spiritual progress. By listening to his speech and observing his conduct from week to week, a discerning teacher can see if the student has allowed God's Word to take root in his heart, causing him to bring his life into harmony with Jehovah's righteous standards.—Jas. 1:21; 1 Thess. 2:13.

Before inviting a new one to join us in public preaching, however, it is good to review the questions listed on page 129, paragraph one, of the *Organization* book. If you, the teacher, can answer in the affirmative the eleven questions presented there, then doubtless your Bible student can also do so and is ready to take part with you in the work. If, though, you are unsure about something, then on an appropriate occasion you can review selected scriptures, inviting the student's expressions to make sure he understands the importance of observing all the Scriptural requirements, including refraining from the use of tobacco. (Matt. 28:20) Of course, if you feel the need for advice, talk to an elder, possibly your book study conductor. It may be that he will talk to the new one if this appears advisable.

When a new one turns in his first field service report, the congregation secretary should take note of this and inform the service overseer. At his earliest convenience, the service overseer will want to discuss the new one's qualifications with the brother or sister conducting the Bible study. Thereafter, he will arrange to talk personally with the new one to get better acquainted and to discuss the responsibilities and joys connected with bearing public witness to Jehovah's name and kingdom. Finally, after conferring with the presiding overseer, the service overseer may ask the secretary to make out a Publisher's Record Card for the

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Memorial *(Cont'd)*

is scheduled for study on April 26, the week following the Memorial. The purpose is to whet the appetite of the interested persons to come to the April 26 *Watchtower* study. Extend a warm, friendly invitation to all to attend. For the benefit of new ones who have not yet had an opportunity to attend a *Watchtower* study, we suggest that you give them an idea of how the study is conducted, using the questions at the bottom of the page. It may even be possible for you to do this that same night following the Memorial celebration, or sometime before the day of the study. You may even be able to prepare with them part of the assigned material, thus making it easier for the individuals to follow the study procedure during the meeting.

[5] Why not also encourage these new ones to attend the public talks regularly. If there is a list of upcoming talks on the information board, point out some of the subjects that will be discussed. Mention the fact that 60 new talks will be given during the next 12 months or so, some having started already in March. Let them know that you plan to hear these talks that will be presented on important Bible topics. They are welcome to attend whenever possible. You may wish to share a few points from talks already given, explaining how these have enlightened and strengthened you. Only a few new talks have been given thus far, so most of this fresh material is yet to come in the weeks ahead. Encourage them to benefit from such meetings even as you regularly do.

REMIND OF RESPONSIBILITY

[6] Too, the significance of the Memorial occasion may prompt us to discuss the meaning of Christian discipleship with those studying, helping them appreciate how the truths they learn should be affecting their lives and activity. If their heart responds, then it may be an appropriate time to invite them to join in making a public declaration with their mouth for salvation. (Rom. 10:9, 10) We can help them realize that the time left for doing this is growing steadily shorter.

[7] The Memorial celebration is a special night when we are reminded of what Jehovah has done for us through his Son's sacrifice. By attending, our determination to follow Christ's self-sacrificing example is renewed. We rejoice that Christ Jesus is actively guiding and directing us in our modern-day disciple-making work. May the time and effort that we devote in sacred service this month reflect our heartfelt remembrance of him. Thus we will move ahead unitedly in teaching others to have this same appreciation.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

Are You a Subscriber?

[1] Why do you recommend that householders subscribe to *The Watchtower*? Is it not because you know that by their doing so they are availing themselves of an abundant and continuous supply of spiritually upbuilding information? Receiving the magazines at home regularly will maximize the opportunity for them to be motivated favorably toward the truth. Would this not also be true for ourselves? So, are you and every member of your family subscribers?

[2] Think of the benefits. For one thing, subscription copies of the magazine arrive weeks before the issue date. This allows ample time for reading and personal and family study before the congregational study. Due to sickness or other reasons, or simply through being forgetful, we may miss out on picking up the magazines at the Kingdom Hall. With the magazines coming to us regularly in the mail, we are assured of getting every issue, thus building up a complete file for future use in connection with the Theocratic School and service meeting, as well as for research. In many families, the children are very much encouraged when the magazines come to them in their own name. This helps them to take greater interest in the magazines and receive greater benefits therefrom.

[3] This month we will be offering the *Watchtower* subscription once again. It would be appropriate to start with ourselves and our household becoming subscribers. Then, we might think about those among our friends, relatives, acquaintances, workmates, schoolmates, and so forth, who may enjoy receiving a gift subscription. Of course, the house-to-house work is still the principal way in which we may obtain subscriptions. Yes, by looking out for all the opportunities, we will have another rewarding month of activity with the magazines.

"Watchtower" Study *(Cont'd)*

ruption with each passing decade, Jehovah has protected us with timely warnings against sexual immorality, drugs, and so forth, and set out procedures for disfellowshiping unrepentant wrongdoers to safeguard the congregation. *The Watchtower* has helped us to train our conscience in ever so many areas of life so we can enjoy a good relationship with Jehovah. We appreciate so much Jehovah's patient, progressive leading of us. —Prov. 4:18.

HOW TO BENEFIT FULLY

[5] Considering *The Watchtower* together as a congregation certainly contributes to our unity of thinking and builds in us a solid, Bible-based faith. (1 Cor. 1:10) But how can we individually contribute to making each *Watchtower* study the spiritual highlight of the week, both for ourselves and our brothers? Three things are necessary to fully benefit from the *Watchtower* study: (1) Personal and family preparation. Do you have time set aside for this? What works best for your family? During such study, do you pay particular attention to the scriptures, noting how they are used or applied? Why would this be good? (2 Tim. 2:15) (2) Attend regularly. Are there some of us who habitually leave after the public talk? (3) Participate freely. We should not feel that a long, involved comment is necessary. Short, to-the-point answers are often better. An effort to comment in our own words will doubtless increase our understanding of what is printed and be more motivating to others. Take the initiative to look up and make application of cited scriptures. Comments that make practical application of points or include relevant experiences are appreciated by all.

WHAT THE ELDERS CAN DO

[6] *Watchtower* study conductors do well to review their teaching methods from time to time. They can ask themselves: Am I commenting too frequently? Are the main points being highlighted? Are the brothers being encouraged to participate? Is the Bible being used during the study? Am I well prepared? Other elders designated by the body of elders as good teachers should be scheduled to conduct periodically. (Note September 1977 *Our Kingdom Service,* page four.)

[7] Do you have a hearty spiritual appetite? (Matt. 5:3) If so, then you are invited to the King's table to partake with all of his people in the abundance of spiritual good things generously provided through his "slave" during the *Watchtower* study. May all thanks and praise go to Jehovah, our Grand Teacher. —Isa. 54:13.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

House-to-House Work Brings Personal Benefits

1 "Pass through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and you must put a mark on the foreheads of the men that are sighing and groaning over all the detestable things that are being done in the midst of it." That was the way the man with the recorder's inkhorn was to carry out his commission from Jehovah in the final days of ancient Jerusalem.—Ezek. 9:2-11.

2 Today, throughout the world, a similar work is carried out by Jehovah's Witnesses by means of a vigorous house-to-house campaign of taking the good news to people, searching for those who want to learn the truth and warning others who do not want to hear. Have you taken up this lifesaving work? Are you sharing in it as fully as your personal circumstances will allow?

3 Our efforts in this work are rewarded in the realization that thousands are helped each year to learn the truth. We also receive numerous personal benefits when we regularly and diligently share in the house-to-house preaching work. How? Well, consider the following:

● It sharpens our appreciation for the truth. The more we engage in the house-to-house work, the more we come to see the "sighing and groaning over all the detestable things." We are convinced that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled and we appreciate that the only solution to mankind's problems lies with Jehovah's kingdom through Jesus Christ.

● It helps us to develop and perfect the fruitage of the spirit. Obviously it takes all the fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, self-control—for us to meet the challenge of the house-to-house work and persist in it. —Gal. 5:22-24.

● It helps us to conquer fear of man. Do you recall how you felt the first time you went from house to house? Gradually, though, we come to realize that the all-important thing is to preach the good news and to sound the warning, and, in comparison, men and their rebuffs become quite insignificant. Like Jeremiah, we come to feel the assurance of Jehovah's backing, which, in turn, builds up our faith.—Jer. 1:17-19.

● It keeps us humble. We soon learn that it is not in our own strength or ability that we can carry on this work. Rather, as long as we remain humble and are "not rebellious" and do "not turn in the opposite direction," Jehovah will give us "the tongue of the taught ones" and we will know "how to answer."—Isa. 50:4-6.

● It strengthens our ability to defend the truth. To be able to use the sharp, two-edged sword, God's Word the Bible, effectively, we need practice. As we regularly use the Bible in the house-to-house work, we find it is "alive and exerts power."—Heb. 4:12.

● It is invigorating spiritually and physically. Regular participation in the house-to-house work helps to keep us spiritually alert and results in a good conscience, contributing to our joy. For many, the physical exertion and exercise involved has brought about improvement in physical health.

4 Considering the many benefits that the house-to-house work brings both to those who listen to us and to ourselves, surely we have every reason to "stay by these things," that is, to share in it fully and regularly.—1 Tim. 4:16.

Question Box *(Cont'd)*

new publisher if he qualifies. In this way, the elders would be in a better position to assist new ones. Direction on counting children as publishers is given in the *Organization* book, page 130, paragraph one.

As we all keep Jehovah's high standards in mind, we can be assured of his continued blessing and spirit on our work as the number of disciples grows from year to year.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

April 5:	Pages 109 to 116
April 12:	Pages 117 to 124*
April 19:	Pages 124* to 131*
April 26:	Pages 131* to 138

* To or from subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

What Makes for Happiness?

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	523	127.9	95.6	50.9	5.1
Pios.	18,495	84.2	64.0	33.9	3.5
Aux. Pios.	12,745	59.8	45.0	20.8	1.9
Pubs.	531,072	8.2	8.4	3.8	.4
TOTAL	562,835				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,847

Announcements

● Literature offer for April and May: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 per year. June and July: *Happiness—How to Find It* for 60c.

● Personal Bible reading program before Memorial:

April 14 (Nisan 9)	Luke 19:28-44
April 15 (Nisan 10)	Luke 19:45-48; Matt. 21:12-19
April 16 (Nisan 11)	Luke 20:1-26
April 17 (Nisan 12)	Luke 22:1-6; John 12:2-8
April 18 (Nisan 13)	Luke 22:7-13; Mark 14:12-16
April 19 (Nisan 14)	Luke 22:14-38

● Special field service arrangements for group witnessing should be made for Sunday, April 19. Encourage all to use the Memorial invitation and call on interested ones, inviting them to the Memorial that evening.

● If you are scheduled to have the visit of the circuit overseer during the week of the Memorial celebration, you will want to reschedule the public lecture, *Watchtower* study and concluding talk to Saturday, where possible.

● District assembly lapel cards in English and Spanish and the plastic holders should be ordered by the congregations on the Literature Order Blank. Orders may be sent to the Society after April 1, 1981.

● The *Watch Tower Publications Index* for the years 1976 through 1980 will be bound together in one volume. However, please do not order this index until an announcement of its availability is made in *Our Kingdom Service.*

● New Publications Available:

Choosing the Best Way of Life —Finnish
Commentary on the Letter of James —Finnish
Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood —Thai

● Available Again in U.S.A.:

The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Persian

● New cassette recordings available:

Ephesians Through Colossians (one cassette)—English (Congregation and public: $2; pioneers: $1.75)
1 Thessalonians Through Philemon (one cassette)—English (Congregation and public: $2; pioneers: $1.75)
The Good News According to Matthew (set of two cassette tapes)—French (Congregation and public: $3; pioneers: $2.50)

● The book *Happiness—How to Find It* is now available in grade-two English Braille. This four-volume publication may be obtained on a free loan basis or purchased and kept permanently. A remittance of $5.00 should accompany the order if purchased. Orders for Braille items should be sent to the Society's BRAILLE DESK and not included on regular congregation literature orders. Braille publications should not be stocked by the congregation.

● Due to the demand for Braille material, it would be appreciated if the brothers that have obtained Braille publications on a loan basis would return those that are not currently being used by a visually handicapped person so that other readers may use them. All Braille publications requested on a loan arrangement should be returned to the Society when readers have finished with them. A return label is provided in each book for this purpose.

Jim

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 4-10
Using the magazines

1. What points from the latest "Watchtower" can be used with the Topic for Conversation?
2. What information in "Awake!" could be tied in with the Topic for Conversation?

MAY 11-17
How would you use the current Topic for Conversation with:

1. A youth?
2. A housewife?
3. The man of the house?

MAY 18-24
Making return visits

1. What points from the latest "Watchtower" might you use when making a return visit?
2. What material from the latest "Awake!" might prove effective as well?

MAY 25-31
Laying groundwork for return visits

1. How can you lay the groundwork for a return visit on your first call?
2. What are some questions you might bring up to be considered on your next return visit?
3. How do you determine which subject to select for a particular householder?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

What Makes for Happiness?

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

Planning Spiritual Activities

[1] "Many are the plans in the heart of a man, but the counsel of Jehovah is what will stand." (Prov. 19:21) People make many different plans. Our plans should always take Jehovah into consideration and be in harmony with his will and purposes. (Jas. 4:15) It is good for us to plan in such a way as to give evidence that we are orderly and are spiritually minded. And were we not all encouraged to 'Imitate Our Loving God of Order' at the "Divine Love" District Convention last summer? —1 Cor. 14:33.

[2] We are now into May, the second month of the current *Watchtower* subscription campaign. It would be good to make plans to have as full a share as possible in offering subscriptions from house to house and on return visits. Do we plan to call on interested people who might like to subscribe? Why not make a definite schedule to call on them and offer the subscription? Also, did we meet people last month who wanted to read single issues of the magazines before deciding whether to subscribe? Or did we meet people who said they would subscribe later when they had the money? It would be fine to plan to call on these individuals during May. When we consider how much we benefit from *The Watchtower* it motivates us to want others to receive this spiritual food regularly too.

PLANNING FOR SUMMER

[3] Summer will soon be here and with it, of course, convention time. Are our plans all made for attending the district convention? The "Kingdom Loyalty" conventions will be the highlight of the summer's activities. It may be that you are planning to take a vacation in connection with the convention. In this regard it would be good to keep in mind the privilege we have of sharing the good news with others. Will it be possible to share in service with the congregation where you go so that you can enjoy witnessing in a different territory? Plan to meet with your brothers and share in service where you will be spending your vacation. (Usually Kingdom Hall addresses may be found in the telephone directory.) Even though summer is a time for many to go on vacation 'to get away from it all,' as some say, do not neglect spiritual activity in your plans during this time of the year. —Rom. 13:14.

[4] Some congregations have already made arrangements to assist in covering unassigned or seldom-

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CONGREGATION MEETINGS—PART VII
Getting People to Meetings

[1] Following the outpouring of the holy spirit on Jesus' disciples at Pentecost, 33 C.E., Christian congregations were formed in one locality after another. These were now the people upon whom God had put his spirit, and they regularly met together. (Acts 2:1; 13:1) Likewise, Jehovah's people today appreciate the need of regularly attending congregation meetings. We want to encourage all members of the congregation, as well as interested persons living in our territory, to assemble regularly with us.

[2] During the 1980 service year, the average attendance for the five weekly meetings was as follows: Public Meeting—124 percent; *Watchtower* Study—117 percent; Theocratic School—101 percent; Service Meeting—98 percent; and Congregation Book Study—101 percent. Is that not encouraging? How does your meeting attendance compare with these figures? What can be done to encourage even more sheeplike ones to assemble with us each week?—Heb. 10:24, 25.

HELPING INTERESTED PERSONS

[3] We should regularly direct Bible students to the organization, as suggested in the February 1981 *Our Kingdom Service*. Weekly, we can progressively explain the operation and function of Jehovah's organization, as well as the local congregation. Explain the purpose of the five weekly meetings, how they are conducted, textbooks used, and so forth. For additional suggestions, note *Qualified to Be Ministers*, pp. 215-218.

[4] Make good use of the handbills that list the five meetings and provide the address of the Kingdom Hall. Traveling overseers have expressed concern that in many congregations these handbills *are not* being stocked or used by the friends. Does your congregation have a supply? If you do not have

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MAY 3

Song 18

5 min: *Our Kingdom Service* Announcements; local announcements.

15 min: "Planning Spiritual Activities." Question-and-answer discussion. In connection with paragraph 2, include brief demonstration of calling back on someone who took single issues of the magazines to see if householder wants to subscribe. Discuss point of interest in issue left and offer subscription.

20 min: "Youths, Why Have Spiritual Plans?" Question-and-answer part to be handled by an elder. If possible, have school-age publishers answer questions and read scriptures. What should we remember about material possessions? (1 John 2:15, 16) What do we want to keep in mind about this world? (1 John 2:17) Since that is the case, why is it unwise to pursue riches and a position in the world in this system of things? (1 Tim. 6:9, 10) What work has Jehovah granted us a share in? (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) What activity do young people do well to consider pursuing? (Matt. 6:33) Why is a lifetime of serving Jehovah the best goal to have? (Eccl. 12:1) What help would we have in pursuing such a course? (Matt. 11:29, 30) Even though you still may be in school, what can you do during the summer to show your whole-souled desire to serve Jehovah? What kind of a schedule could you work up to auxiliary pioneer during the school vacation? (May interview one or two who auxiliary pioneered in past vacation period and did well.) Conclude by encouraging the youths to think about how they would answer these questions: How do you feel about the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses? Is it the religion of your family and therefore it is your religion? Or is it the best religion you have seen? Or is it the truth? If you really believe it is the truth, you should be motivated to offer yourself for its activities and its way of life.—Ps. 110:3; Heb. 6:10.

5 min: Consider some talking points from magazines that will be used this coming Saturday, such as "What's This World Coming To?" in May 8 *Awake!* and "The Kingdom Government—Is It Real to You?" in the May 15 *Watchtower*. Demonstrate one brief presentation.

Song 13 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 10

Song 99

5 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements; accounts report.

18 min: "Congregation Meetings—Part VII." Question-and-answer discussion. When considering paragraph 2, inform congregation of local meeting attendance averages. May use chalkboard, if desired.

12 min: "How I Got the Truth." Interview two publishers or a married couple, having them relate how they learned the truth, and so forth. Invite them to comment on how attending congregation meetings helped to strengthen them spiritually.

10 min: Elders can prepare locally to care for needs in congregation or consider experiences from audience related to their offering the *Watchtower* subscription.

Song 85 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 17

Song 58

8 min: Local congregation announcements. Discuss "Service to Subscribers."

15 min: "Cultivating Interest Through Return Visits." Service overseer discusses material with audience. According to local circumstances, include appropriate suggestions similar to those in paragraph 5. Inform congregation how they are doing in making return visits and offer encouragement for more to share in this feature of service.

12 min: "Timothy—Paul's New Helper." Discussion of Story 110 of *My Book of Bible Stories* with two or three young children. Highlight the value of using younger years profitably in serving Jehovah. As time permits, you may read some portions directly from the Bible, making proper application.

10 min: Points to use in current magazines. Briefly ask audience what points they plan to use from current magazines in field service, and why. Demonstrate presentation of current magazines or the subscription offer.

Song 92 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 24

Song 10

5 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements. Ask audience to bring *Happiness* book for next week's service meeting.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Developing Magazine Routes." Talk and demonstrations. Have qualified publisher demonstrate what can be said to establish a magazine route, incorporating presentation outlined in paragraph 3 when returning with latest issues. (Chairman may draw attention to suggestions in paragraph 2 in preparation for return call.) Invite congregation to relate experiences they have had with magazine routes, as time allows.

25 min: Insert on "1981 'Kingdom Loyalty' District Conventions." Question-and-answer consideration.

Song 64 and prayer.

Service to Subscribers

Imagine a pile of magazines over 400 feet high. This would be equal to over 100,000 subscription copies of the magazines that became undeliverable as addressed. Last year the Society paid the postal service 25c each for these magazines, which totaled over $25,000.

The main reason for this was that subscribers moved and did not advise the Society of their new address in advance. Some were undeliverable due to inaccurate address information. What can we do to help reduce the number of undeliverable subscriptions?

1. When we initially fill out a subscription slip, we should carefully verify the name and address. Double-check numbers in the address.
2. Advise the Society as soon as a moving date is known. Send both old and new address to Watchtower, Wallkill, N.Y. 12589. When possible, include the old address portion of the subscription wrapper.
3. When a subscription becomes undeliverable, the Society sends an Undeliverable Subscription Follow-up slip. The secretary should endeavor to obtain a new address and promptly send it to the Society's Wallkill office. We will then reinstate delivery to the corrected address. If the delivery address is correct and copies are not being received, please return the Undeliverable Subscription Follow-up slip to the Society. Additionally, the secretary should make arrangements for a personal visit to the local post

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1981 "KINGDOM LOYALTY" DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Psalm 145:10, 11 reminds us that 'Jehovah's loyal ones will bless him. About the glory of Jehovah's kingship they will talk.' As faithful servants of Jehovah, we are also loyal to his Kingdom government about which we talk as we share in preaching the good news and teaching people the truth. Our convention this summer will stress "Kingdom Loyalty" as its theme and will do much to aid us to keep on faithfully serving our Creator and working in the interests of his government. We will want to show appreciation for this arrangement to feed us spiritually by being present for the full program at whichever convention we plan to attend. *Our Kingdom Service* for February provided information about securing accommodations. It also recommended which convention the brothers in each circuit should attend. The February 15 issue of *The Watchtower* listed the facilities that will be used this summer. We assume that by this time all have determined which convention they will attend and have started making the necessary preparations.

PROGRAM: The program is scheduled to begin on Thursday morning at 9:50 a.m. Plan to be present right from the start so as to benefit fully from the spiritual feast that has been arranged. The opening session on Thursday will emphasize things to which we all need to give attention. Also, while all convention sessions are important, be sure that you do not miss the Sunday morning program. You will do well to pay close attention to the information that will be presented. Our attitude toward going to and attending the convention should be that of David as expressed in Psalm 122:1: "I rejoiced when they were saying to me: 'To the house of Jehovah let us go.' " It is vital that we listen closely to the entire program. (Luke 8:18-21) Do not unnecessarily save seats so that others are forced to spend time walking around looking for a place to sit. Each one should want to 'work what is good to others related to us in the faith.' (Gal. 6:10) While improvement has been noted, reports show that quite a number still inconsiderately save seats that are not used, while others are forced to look for seats or sit in less convenient locations. This does not show brotherly love for others, does it?

CONDUCT AT CONVENTION: Whether we are able to share in the full-time service or not, we are all full-time Christians. As such we want to 'be made new in the force actuating our minds, and put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty.' (Eph. 4:23, 24) Last year the vast majority of those in attendance manifested the new personality. One of the traveling overseers expressed appreciation for the good conduct in evidence at the convention he attended, stating: "It was noteworthy to see the orderliness of the brothers and their children, with very little *milling* around in the corridors." Another brother commented: "The manners and courtesy of the brothers and sisters were certainly a praise and honor to our God. It was the best example I've seen in a long time at large assemblies. There was no crowding or shoving and the children were well behaved. The publishers were very courteous and mannerly in their driving habits. Our Bible students attended the convention with us and were very much impressed with what they saw and heard."

To get the most from the program we should be in our seats during the sessions and not milling around the corridors or outside the convention facility. While there has been improvement in this regard in recent years, the problem still persists to some degree. At one convention site last summer the report was made that "there was constant milling in the walkways. At one point the brothers measured the decibels of sound and more was coming from the restless people in the walkways than was coming from the sound system." Does this not show a disrespect for Jehovah's provision? One person who attended commented: "One day my children and I sat by a group of about ten young men and women old enough to know how to act at an assembly. *They were* constantly talking, laughing, eating, and [getting] up and down." Such conduct is not loving or considerate, as it makes it difficult for others to concentrate on the program.

In the days of Ezra "all the people" assembled, and as Ezra opened the book "all the people stood up." At this assembly the Levites "were explaining the law to the people, while the people were *in a standing position*. And they continued reading aloud from the book, from the law of the true God." (Neh. 8:5-8) Today we do not have to stand at our conventions. How thankful we are that arrangements are made well in advance so that there will be sufficient comfortable seating. We do well to take advantage of this provision by staying in our seats during the program, paying attention to what is being said, taking notes and following along in our Bibles. One parent wrote this experience to the Society: "My children and I sat by a mother and her four children. They were well behaved but ate continually throughout the whole session. It was very distracting to other adults and children sitting nearby. This family also drank a lot of liquids, which necessitated their making several trips to the restrooms." Certainly we do not want to be going in and out or eating during the program and distracting others from giving their undivided attention to what is being said.

At times, just outside of our assembly sites, apostates or others opposed to our work pass out literature or endeavor to engage us in conversation. How should such individuals be treated? We should not engage in verbal battles with opposers of the truth since a Christian is to be "gentle toward all, . . . keeping himself restrained under evil." (2 Tim. 2:24) Some of these individuals may have been disfellowshiped in the past. They prove by their course of action that they are 'pushing ahead and not remaining in the teaching of Christ.' The apostle John advises us, "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, never receive him into your homes or say a greeting to him. For he that says a greeting to him is a sharer in his wicked works." (2 John 9-11) When such individuals realize they are not accomplishing their purpose of disturbing us, they are more likely to give up in their attempts.

CONDUCT IN CONVENTION CITY: Jehovah's Witnesses frequently return to the same convention cities year after year. Our gathering together in a spirit of true brotherhood and our personal conduct provide a fine witness that does not go unnoticed. A few years ago we received admonition about our conduct while staying at hotels/motels. The need to conduct ourselves as Christians at all times was stressed and the point was made that our actions reflect on the name of our Father, Jehovah. Many expressed appreciation for those straightforward remarks and, since then, favorable comments have been received indicating that those attending assemblies have endeavored to apply the counsel given. It is sad to note, however, that some reports still come in indicating that there are continuing problems. At some hotels/motels where our brothers stayed, there were complaints from other guests, who were not there for the convention, indicating that Witness children were playing on the elevators and otherwise interfering with elevator service as well as unnecessarily riding the escalators. Others had grievances related to children using swimming pools after closing time and demonstrating a lack of concern for non-Witness guests. Christian parents certainly will want to watch their children and be observant of any regulations relative to the use of swimming pools or other facilities at these hotels/motels. Would it not be good to discuss this matter as a family before leaving for the convention city?

The insert in the May 1980 issue of *Our Kingdom Service* provided good direction on the matter of tipping. It is not against Christian principles to express appreciation in this way for personal services rendered by others. (Luke 10:7) Although this is a personal matter, to neglect doing so where it is expected may cast unfavorable reflections upon Jehovah's people. To illustrate: The manager of a motel who cooperated with the convention personnel and arranged for many of our brothers and sisters to stay in his facility expressed concern over a problem that developed. The waitresses in his employ had told him that they did not want to wait on Jehovah's Witnesses as they left no tips. On one occasion, a party of Jehovah's Witnesses arrived just before the restaurant was to close. Arrangements were made for this group to sit together and be served, despite the fact that the workers had to stay after closing time to do so. It was reported that the only tip left was a copy of a pocket-size book that was released earlier that week at the convention. While so-called fast-food eating establishments do not provide waiter service and no tipping is involved, in restaurants where such service is provided it is left to the brothers to consider leaving a tip where this is the local custom.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON FIELD SERVICE: Jesus commanded his followers to make disciples of others, sharing the good news that he had taught. (Matt. 28:19, 20) A fine opportunity to do this while attending the assembly is to participate in field service arrangements that will be scheduled on Friday afternoon. The program that day will conclude at 12:40 p.m. All in attendance should be able to get something to eat at the convention site and then be in field service well before 2 p.m. To save time it would be good to get organized for field service activity on Thursday. Perhaps you can arrange your groups with appointed servants taking the lead. Territory can be obtained on Thursday so that there should be no delay or confusion in getting out. While there has been good support for field service at past conventions, apparently some groups did not have enough territory. Therefore, when asking for territory, please indicate how many persons will be in your group and how long you wish to work. In this way you will be given sufficient territory and can have a full share in the preaching activity.

The publishers should bring their own witnessing bag, a supply of the current magazines and a Bible. Further direction and printed material will be provided at the conventions that will assist us in giving a fine witness to people contacted in the convention cities.

Many have expressed appreciation for the opportunity that the special field service arrangements afford to work in different territory and to share in service with friends from other congregations. One sister wrote: "I was happy to be among those who answered 'aye' to the resolution adopted at the convention. Later that day I went out into the service. Inside of 30 minutes I placed 18 magazines and passed out invitations to everyone who walked by me as I stood on the street corner. I thank Jehovah for those spirit-arousing talks that motivated me to action." The Friday morning program will highlight the importance of the field activity that afternoon.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: It was foretold that Jehovah's people would offer themselves willingly in his service. (Ps. 110:3) This applies not only to our willingness to participate in the preaching and disciple-making work but also to sharing in the work that must be done in order to make conventions a success. It is fine to see many helping out in this regard. Once again, the various departments needing help will take the initiative in inviting individuals in advance to assist. The local convention coordinator will be receiving from the convention some requests for volunteer workers needed. The Society's new procedure for volunteer service means that no Application for Volunteer Service forms will be sent to the congregations. However, the convention will be sending some congregations a list of their personnel needs, and the convention coordinators will strive to fill such needs, if and when requested to do so.

Any children 16 years of age or under must work together with a parent or another adult at all times. We encourage parents and their children to volunteer and work together, if possible.

FOOD NEEDS: Food and drink will be provided similar to what was available for recent district conventions. We are very grateful for the efforts of the brothers and sisters who prepare the food at the conventions. There was fine cooperation last year at conventions where surplus food was sold after the conclusion of the Sunday program, and it may be that such surplus items will again be available at a few of the conventions. If that is the case, your cooperation will be appreciated again.

The convention tickets in sheets worth $1 (10 tickets of 10c value) will be used for purchasing food and drink. The convention organization will make *these tickets* available to your congregation a few weeks ahead of the convention and you may purchase them then so as to save standing in line when you first arrive at the convention. It is suggested that you purchase enough food tickets in advance at your congregation to care for your needs for the first two or three days of the assembly. The tickets can be used for surplus food purchases also.

MUSIC: Special taped music for the interludes and audience singing is again planned by the Society. All are encouraged to join wholeheartedly in the singing, as this is an important part of the program and provides us with a fine opportunity to worship Jehovah, rendering praise and thanksgiving to him.—Eph. 5:18, 19.

As the "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions draw close, we look forward to benefiting from the fine spiritual provisions Jehovah has in store for us. The information provided herein will no doubt be of assistance to you in finalizing your plans to attend. All will want to consider carefully the direction given and endeavor to comply with the suggestions made, both individually and as families. May all of us work unitedly to make the 1981 "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions a success so that, as loyal servants of our Grand God, all who attend will be better equipped to talk about the glory of Jehovah's kingship.—Ps. 145:10, 11.

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Your cooperation in using the listing of accommodations provided by the convention in selecting your rooms is very much appreciated. If you have not already made a reservation and forwarded a deposit, it is necessary to do so immediately if you are planning to stay overnight in the convention city. Congregation convention coordinators should be sure that Special Needs Room Request Forms have been promptly forwarded to the appropriate convention address. If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodations selected from the listing, you should write or phone the hotel/motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. If you must cancel an accommodation made through the Special Needs arrangement you should notify both the landlord or hotel/motel and the convention Rooming Department so the room may be reassigned.

The convention Rooming Department will provide, upon your request, available information on any commercial trailer and camping facilities in the convention area. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

BAPTISM: At most locations, the immersion will be on Saturday. Those who wish to symbolize their dedication by water baptism should have reviewed the 80 questions and also chapter six in the *Organization* book with the elders prior to the convention. A bathing suit and towel should be brought by each one who plans to be baptized.

PROGRAM TIMES: It is the course of wisdom and shows appreciation to be in our seats when the program begins. That will be at 9:50 a.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The same qualities are displayed when we do not plan to leave before the sessions conclude. The closing song and prayer will be at 4:50 p.m. on Thursday. Friday afternoon will be set aside for a special effort in field service and so the sessions will conclude by 12:40 p.m. On Saturday the closing song and prayer are scheduled at 4:50 p.m., and on Sunday at 4:40 p.m.

GILEAD AND BETHEL MEETINGS: A meeting will be held on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. for pioneers between the ages of 20 and 40 who are interested in attending Gilead School to receive training for missionary service. There will be a meeting on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. for any dedicated publishers between 19 and 35 years of age who are U.S. residents and would like to enter Bethel service.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* and *special* pioneers as well as traveling overseers will need to bring their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card (S-202) to the convention. Those on the list for six months at the time of the district convention they attend may receive $15.00 worth of convention tickets upon presentation of their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card at that one convention only. Treat the card as carefully as cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. Any free releases or other literature at pioneer rates will be available to pioneers at the bookroom only upon showing their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card. Those in Bethel service may obtain any free releases or other literature at pioneer rates at the bookroom by showing their Bethel Identification card.

LAPEL CARDS: These cards are provided as a means of advertising the convention as well as to facilitate identifying our brothers and sisters in attendance. To this end, please *wear* the lapel card at the convention and also while traveling to and from the convention site. It has been observed in recent years that not as many as formerly are wearing a lapel card. Not only is the card a fine means of identification but it so often results in giving a fine witness while traveling. You should obtain these through your congregation. You will note that the lapel card has been designed in such a way that it may be used again for circuit assemblies until next summer. The lapel cards are 1c each and the celluloid holders are 5c each.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Regardless of where you park, you should lock your vehicle at *all* times and *never* leave anything visible inside. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk, if possible. Also, guard against thieves and pickpockets who are attracted by large gatherings. This includes not leaving anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions.

Congregation Meetings (*Cont'd*)

them on hand, the secretary may submit an order promptly. Do you carry handbills with you and, if possible, leave one in every home? Many experiences have been related in which individuals came in contact with the truth because of receiving a handbill.

5 Follow through in assisting interested persons who attended the Memorial in April to continue coming to the Kingdom Hall. When new ones come, we are pleased. But what can we do to help them appreciate the need of meeting regularly with us? If they are going to grow spiritually, they need regular association with Jehovah's people. Think back to the first time you attended the Kingdom Hall and recall what it was that impressed you. What made you want to come again? Was it not the friendliness of those who greeted you when you entered? They took the initiative and got acquainted, making you feel at home. As you listened to their conversation, you may have realized that many had gone out of their way to bring others with them. They obviously were happy people who were interested in others and who loved one another. This made a lasting impression. Can we do more to greet new ones and make them feel welcome?

6 Do you provide transportation for others? Usually interested persons are more apt to attend meetings if we make definite arrangements each week to stop by their home and provide transportation. One sister who is now serving at Brooklyn Bethel with her husband related that, when she was in her early teenage years, others in the congregation would regularly come by her home and provide transportation to the meetings. By the friends extending themselves she was especially encouraged to attend the congregation book study weekly, as well as other meetings. As she now looks back, she is thankful that others took a personal interest in her, helping her to get to the Kingdom Hall. Could we personally do more to assist others in this regard?

HOW SERVANTS CAN ASSIST

7 Elders and ministerial servants can do much to stimulate interest in local meetings and help publishers and family groups to support the congregation. Periodically they should visit the friends in their homes to offer encouragement. (1 Pet. 5:2) Could better arrangements be made to assist the sick and infirm to get to meetings? What about others who are spiritually weak or who are without transportation?

8 Interest can often be stimulated by "whetting the appetite" of the congregation. To illustrate: Post a list of the coming public talks on the information board. In addition, the subject and name of the speaker can be mentioned when making local announcements on the service meeting. Congregation book study conductors can keep the publishers informed as to future meeting parts, material that requires special preparation, and so forth. Are you appointed servants doing everything possible in this regard?

9 All of us will want to have a full share in assisting others to get to meetings. This will result in more of our brothers being strengthened and encouraged.

Cultivating Interest Through Return Visits

1 Paul wrote the Corinthians: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God kept making it grow." (1 Cor. 3:6) To what was he referring?

2 Here Paul compares our preaching work to farming. We know that proper watering of newly planted seeds or of tender young developing plants is crucial for survival. Without such watering, seeds may not sprout and grow; plants may never blossom or produce fruit. True, whether we plant literal seeds or figurative seeds of truth, only Jehovah can give life or make things grow. However, in his wonderful arrangement, he invites us to plant Kingdom truths in the minds and hearts of people and to water them, thus granting us the honor of working with him in the spiritual harvest taking place today.—1 Cor. 3:9.

HOW TO CULTIVATE AND WATER WITH RETURN VISITS

3 Just as there are different methods of effectively cultivating and watering, there are various ways to make return visits. Wisely, when making return visits, we want to use the method that will cause the interest of the householder to grow. The following suggestions may be helpful to you in making return visits.

4 Many say that (1) a sincere personal interest in the one being called on and (2) an appealing Bible subject to discuss have helped them in making return visits. With that in mind, they try to lay the groundwork for a return visit *before* ending the first conversation with the householder. How could you do this? Consider the following examples:

5 After describing the new system of things you could say: "How can we be sure that it will really come in our time? Perhaps I could stop by in a few days when the rest of the family is at home and show you the answer Jesus gave to that question." Then when you return you may use information on pages 94 and 95 in the *Truth* book. Or you may say: "You may be wondering how being conscious of spiritual needs can make a person happy in our day. Perhaps the next time I call I can show you the Bible's answer to the question." You may review information in chapter 20 of the *Happiness* book. As you can see, bringing up a subject or raising a question on your first call will pave the way for calling back on those who respond to the seeds of truth sown.

6 Of course, in order to follow up the subject you brought up with the householder, you will need to make notations on your house-to-house record of the subject you plan to discuss on your return visit. By making this a habit you will be better prepared to cultivate the interest you find.

7 If you are having difficulty in making return visits, do not get discouraged. Experience in this field of activity comes with time. Feel free to ask your book study conductor for suggestions and help along these lines. Also, you may want to go along with a pioneer or publisher who does well in this work. The Topic for Conversation this month provides good opportunities for making return visits. Also, those who attended the Memorial could be called on with points from chapter 6 of the *Truth* book. Perhaps you would like to try some of the suggestions in paragraph 5 of this article to stimulate the interest of those who attended the Memorial.

A JOYFUL WORK

8 The joy of seeing the fruit produced at harvesttime because of what one has planted is gratifying. To see an individual come into the truth brings even greater satisfaction. To watch a plant grow as we water and cultivate it is fascinating. To observe seeds of truth take root and grow in a person's heart with the aid of our humble efforts is something in which we all can rejoice, knowing that we have the honor of working with Jehovah. May Jehovah bless our work in making return visits.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Developing Magazine Routes

1 While participating in the field service, we often find individuals who enjoy the magazines and will take them regularly but, for some reason, they do not want to subscribe. Some have personal objections to receiving magazines through the mail and having their name on a mailing list, but they are glad to receive the magazines on a regular basis when someone calls. Magazine routes can often be established with such individuals.—*Organization* book, pp. 117, 118.

2 How can we develop such magazine calls? First, we should endeavor to be out in service regularly each week. It is helpful to build a foundation for our next call by offering to stop in a week or two to see if the householder enjoyed the magazines. Then we will want to record the necessary information on our house-to-house record, including the householder's name, address, date of visit, issues placed and article or subject featured.

3 On returning, you could say: "Good morning, [use householder's personal name]. I have come to comment further on the article [mention article featured on previous call]." Whether the householder says he has read the article or not, you could then state: "In this current issue there is an interesting article on [refer to specific article]. As you recall, they are only 20c. I am sure that you will benefit greatly from them."

4 There are advantages to having a magazine route. By calling regularly you get acquainted with people and can often build up a warm, friendly relationship. You have the opportunity to stimulate interest by leaving the current magazines for them to read and by your brief discussion each time you call. Once sufficient interest is kindled, you will find it is possible to start Bible studies with some of those on your route; or, the individual or family called upon may see the advantages of having personal subscriptions to the magazines.

5 We encourage you to spend some time on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, developing and caring for such magazine route calls. Even young publishers will enjoy regularly bringing the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines to interested persons. Keep in mind that each time you deliver the magazines, a return visit can be counted.

6 To establish a magazine route requires persistence. The results, however, are rewarding. Do you have a magazine route? If not, we encourage you to try the suggestions outlined above and to use to the full this way of dispensing spiritual food by means of the magazines.

Planning *(Cont'd)*

worked territory. If your congregation has done so, have you planned to enjoy this special activity?

5 With vacation from secular work or school in store for many during the summer months, it would be good to see if sharing in the auxiliary pioneer work can be included in plans for spiritual activity. Many have found that when they are able to have a greater share in field service and can follow up on all the interest found in the territory, they add much joy and satisfaction to their vacation. Having a full and enjoyable share in the service in such a way really can be "recreation," for that means "refreshment of the strength and spirits after toil." How refreshing it is to be able to share the good news with others and to help them grow spiritually! Giving in such a way brings true happiness and lifts our spirits.—Acts 20:35.

6 Now, before the summer actually starts, would be the time for us to plan as individuals and families for a spiritually rewarding vacation period. Planning helps us to get things done regularly and on time. Many have done very well in supporting field service arrangements on the first Sunday of the month because of advance planning. Can such activity be included in our summer plans too?

7 May all of us conscientiously plan our spiritual activities now and in the months ahead, seeking Jehovah's rich blessing on our united efforts to stay loyally in his service, as we talk about the glory of his kingship.—Ps. 145:10, 11.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

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* To or from subheading.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Earthquakes in Greece did minor damage to the branch but none of the brothers lost their lives or were injured.

◆ January proved to be an outstanding month in service. New peaks in publishers reported in Europe by Austria, Britain, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Sweden; in Africa by Ivory Coast and Zaire; in Asia by Hong Kong, India, Japan and Thailand.

◆ Outstanding reports from Latin America: Brazil had a new peak of 114,073 with 3,238 auxiliary pioneers. Costa Rica had a peak of 5,718 publishers and 11,913 attended their district conventions. Dominican Republic had third peak this service year with 6,603 reporting, conducting 9,435 studies. Nicaragua had 3,691 publishers and 5,199 studies. Peru had 10 district conventions attended by total of 40,110 and new peak of 13,656 publishers. Belize, Colombia, Panama and Venezuela also reported new peaks.

Announcements

- Literature offer for May: *Watchtower* subscription for contribution of $2.50 per year. June and July: *Happiness* book with new tract *Is a Happy Life Really Possible?* for contribution of 60c. August and September: *My Book of Bible Stories* for contribution of $2.50.

- Regular pioneers on the list for six months, special pioneers and traveling overseers should use their S-202 identification cards for the purpose of getting food tickets and any free literature releases at the district convention they attend. Bethel family members should use their Bethel indentification cards to obtain literature.

- The Society has on occasion received correspondence from the postal service and other individuals about literature being placed in mailboxes without proper postage. Publishers should be reminded that, according to government regulations, anyone who puts material into a mailbox without having properly paid the postage faces a fine of up to $300 for each offense.

- New Publications Available:
  Aid to Bible Understanding (A to Be) —German (Price: Congregation and public, $2.00; pioneers, $1.50.)
  The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Macedonian

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	521	122.8	89.5	47.9	5.2
Pios.	18,698	80.9	59.3	32.3	3.6
Aux. Pios.	11,344	59.4	43.2	21.2	1.9
Pubs.	531,122	8.1	8.3	3.7	.5
TOTAL	561,685				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,736

Subscribers *(Cont'd)*

office. This may help to restore delivery.

We hope these suggestions will help you to help us provide the best possible service to our subscribers and reduce the number of subscriptions that become undeliverable.

Jim

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 1-7
Conversation with service companions

1. What are some appropriate subjects for discussion between doors?
2. How can we help one another improve presentations?
3. Why is silent prayer between doors appropriate?

JUNE 8-14
Prepared to offer magazines

1. Why is it helpful for us to read an article before using it?
2. What talking points are you prepared to use from the current issues?
3. Why is it advantageous to feature only one article?

JUNE 15-21
Offering the "Happiness" book

1. What talking points are you highlighting?
2. How will you tie in the Topic for Conversation?
3. Discuss suggestions or experiences in starting studies with "Happiness" book.

JUNE 22-28
Using magazines effectively

1. How might pictures be used?
2. How could a magazine route be developed?
3. Why are magazine routes beneficial?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

What Makes for Happiness?

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

Progressively Teaching the Truth

1 "Each time I start to give a witness either from house to house or informally, I try to think of the person I am speaking to as a potential fellow Witness." This expression, made by an experienced brother who has enjoyed good success in helping others to learn the truth, gives all of us something to think about. (John 3:16; Matt. 20:28) Our own frame of mind as we work in the field service has a direct bearing on how successful our ministry will be. Do we really have in mind seeing these people again and progressively teaching them the truth?

POSITIVE FROM THE START

2 A positive approach at the very first call from house to house, or as we begin to speak informally to others, is the first step in progressively teaching the truth. If we keep the desired end result in mind from the very beginning, we will be alert to keep an accurate house-to-house record and make definite plans to return as soon as possible to cultivate any interest we may have found. Publishers who are dependable in making regular visits from the beginning, answering Bible questions and conducting progressive Bible studies, not only are helping the newly interested one to gain Bible knowledge rapidly, but also are training the potential new Witness to be dependable and regular in helping others.

3 It is good to direct interested persons to the organization from the very beginning. Tell them about the congregation meetings and invite them to attend. Explain the work we do and talk about the worldwide organization of Kingdom-preachers. Show them the value of the various publications we use and be sure to build up enthusiasm for circuit assemblies and the larger yearly conventions. By introducing the newly interested persons to others in the congregation, you will help them to see that the Christian congregation is truly a brotherhood that enjoys wholesome fellowship that cannot be found elsewhere.

4 Our yeartext for 1981 affords excellent opportunities to discuss witnessing with the newly interested ones. We can encourage them to begin speaking to friends, relatives and acquaintances about

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CONGREGATION MEETINGS—PART VIII
Improving the Quality of Meetings

1 Theocratic gatherings for worship each week play a vital role in our steady development as Christians. (Heb. 10:24, 25; Col. 1:9, 10) This regular intake of strengthening spiritual nourishment fortifies and equips us to face the ever-increasing pressures of our time, while we are having an active share in the preaching work. (Acts 2:40-42) To achieve the greatest amount of good for ourselves and our brothers, each of us can contribute toward improving the quality of our meetings.—Gal. 6:9, 10.

RESPONSIBILITY OF ELDERS AND MINISTERIAL SERVANTS

2 Since elders are primarily charged with the work of teaching, they should be alert to help one another to improve in speaking and teaching ability. The success of each meeting depends on their presiding "in real earnest." (Rom. 12:8; 1 Tim. 4:13, 16) When assignments are well-prepared and enthusiastically presented, the meetings will motivate us to greater acts of faith and loyalty. Elders responsible for arranging meeting parts should use the most qualified brothers.

3 In view of the recent adjustment in the length of some meetings, those who have assignments will want to give special attention to staying within the allotted time. Sufficient time has been allowed to cover main points and make local application to congregational needs. However, trying to cover too much material in a brief period can detract from the richness of our presentation.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

4 All of us, however, can add to the instructiveness and upbuilding quality of our meetings by preparing so as to participate fully. Some families choose to prepare for meetings by reading a portion of the assigned material each day. If only a few minutes daily are used in this way, think of how much more pleasurable our weekly meetings will be!

5 When you are called upon to present an assignment in the Theocratic School or share in a demon-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

Note: No service meeting is being planned for the week of August 23 to allow an open week for attending a district convention. This open week can be shifted to the actual week you attend a district convention in June, July or August. The week of August 30 is set aside for reviewing highlights of things learned at the district convention. This review should be shifted to the week following the district convention for your area.

WEEK STARTING MAY 31

Song 68

10 min: Announcements. Tie in yeartext, Psalm 145:10, 11, with encouragement to share in first-Sunday-of-the-month field service. Meeting tonight designed to equip us for effective use of *Happiness* book and new tract.

20 min: Animated talk encouraging all to share in Sunday field service. What an accomplishment it would be if everyone in assigned territory could be presented with the *Happiness* book and tract during June and July! Can congregation do this? Suggest and demonstrate variety of effective presentations featuring book or tract. Include suggestions for children or new publishers and use of Topic for Conversation with offer. Tract may be left free with all who will accept it and in a place where it is out of sight when no one is at home. Special assistance will be given to help us use the *Happiness* book in the field and in starting home Bible studies. Encourage all to look over first four chapters before next service meeting.

10 min: "God Promises a Paradise." Elder discusses Story 71 from *Bible Stories* book with group of children.

5 min: Brief mention of specific arrangements for field service this weekend with additional encouragement for all to share in first-Sunday-of-the-month service. Remind brothers to bring *Happiness* book to service meeting next week. Song 58 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 7

Song 89

10 min: Announcements. Refer to Mark 6:30 and give brief report on last Sunday's field service, including brief experiences from those who participated. Commend congregation for work done. Encourage continued participation in field service throughout remainder of month. Introduce following part.

20 min: Help Those Who Doubt. Many of the persons we meet in field service are disillusioned with religion in general. They may be atheists or claim to be agnostics who, in effect, say, 'I don't know if there is a God or not.' The *Happiness* book is a powerful tool for reasoning with those who doubt the existence of God or the authenticity of the Bible. What are some specific points from the book that we can use in the field? (Elder handling this part should encourage audience to follow along in own *Happiness* book and perhaps mark paragraphs that they would like to use in the field.) Discuss paragraph 17 on page 16, along with picture on page 17. How could this stimulate the thinking of householder or encourage him to read book?

As time permits, discuss paragraph 19 on page 28 and paragraph 22 on page 19. These are points that can motivate doubters to consider why it is reasonable to have faith in a loving Creator.

What about the authenticity of the Bible? How do paragraphs 4 and 5 on page 22 help a person see why it is logical for God to provide a book for mankind? How can the illustrations be used effectively? Some say Bible was written by men. How can paragraphs 14 and 15 on page 26 be used to reason with such ones? By tactfully using the *Happiness* book in a way that stimulates thinking, we can help those who doubt.

15 min: Discuss talking points from current magazines, helping all to prepare for sharing in magazine work on Saturday. Arrange for some who are effective in placing magazines to suggest appropriate presentations. These may be offered from their seats in the audience. Experiences may be used to show how the brothers or other persons in the field have benefited from reading the magazines. Give brief review of field service arrangements for weekend. Encourage making special effort to work with magazines on Saturday. Announce specific arrangements. If appropriate, tie in brief remark related to this day's text from *Yearbook*.

Song 29 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 14

Song 5

7 min: Announcements and accounts report. Introduce next part.

15 min: "Improving the Quality of Meetings." Question-and-answer coverage of article. Entertain comments from audience on what they do to prepare for all meetings and how they schedule time for it. Arrange for several comments in advance.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—On Every Appropriate Occasion." Animated talk and discussion with audience. Encourage all to take advantage of opportunities to witness informally during vacation and convention time and to go in service with congregations where visiting during summer vacation.

8 min: Service overseer discusses encouraging aspects of May field service report and outlines arrangements for witnessing this weekend. Remind all to bring *Happiness* book to service meeting next week. Look over chapters 5 through 10 before coming.

Song 9 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 21

Song 25

15 min: 'Coping with Life's Problems.' (Preferably an elder should be assigned this part to help publishers with use of *Happiness* book in the field.) Many who claim to believe in God do not see the Bible as an aid in coping with life's problems. The *Happiness* book has many points that can be useful in showing such ones the practicality of the Bible.

The picture on page 41 can be used as a talking point with people who want relief from the pressures of life. We can discuss the many difficulties being experienced in a particular community and select a topic appropriate for the householder. Take *stress* for example. What are some of the causes of stress? How does the Bible give practical counsel that will help to minimize stress? Note the points in paragraphs 12 and 13 on page 44 and paragraph 17 on page 46. Fine admonition is given in the Bible to combat loneliness. Discuss the points made in paragraphs 21 and 22 on page 48. *Money problems* afflict many. We can use the scriptures highlighted in paragraphs 4 through 6 on pages 51 and 52 to get the householder's viewpoint on the value of industriousness. As time permits, refer

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June 21 *(Cont'd)*

audience to page 56, paragraph 16; page 61, paragraph 26 and pages 77 and 78, paragraphs 7 and 9. (By involving audience in discussion, brother handling this part can stimulate much interest in using the *Happiness* book in the field.)

15 min: "Have You Worked Your Territory Thoroughly?" Questions and answers. To be handled by service overseer if possible. Encourage brothers to feel personally responsible for all people living in congregation's assigned territory. Also refer to *Watchtower* 5/15/63, page 305; 4/1/71, pages 219-221; *km* 6/69, 6/74 and 4/79 for additional suggestions. Keep local needs in mind.

15 min: Using Summer Vacations Wisely. Encourage youths to use summer vacation time to expand their field activity. Interview school-age youths or others who plan to increase field activity or to auxiliary pioneer during summer months. If necessary, present convention information. Review congregation's field service arrangements during week and on weekend, stressing Saturday magazine witnessing. Encourage all to share. Also make any necessary announcements.

Song 28 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 28

Song 27

12 min: Announcements. This time may be used to present information prepared locally by the elders according to the needs of the congregation. If congregation has no particular needs, have elder give talk on "Do We Need Help to Understand the Bible?" See *Watchtower* 2/15/81, pages 16-19.

20 min: "Progressively Teaching the Truth." Questions and answers. Following a discussion of the article, interview two or three brothers or sisters who have received progressive assistance in coming into the truth. Some may be able to mention how various ones in the congregation have helped them. Emphasize interest shown by others in their progress.

13 min: Convention information presented by convention coordinator. If time is not needed for convention information, an elder may give a talk on "Can You Be Contented with Your Lot in Life?" based on March 1, 1981, *Watchtower*, pages 4 through 7.

Encourage all to share in first-Sunday-of-the-month field service. Remind all to bring *Happiness* book to service meeting next week. Song 95 and prayer.

Have You Worked Your Territory Thoroughly?

[1] How do you view the territory in which you preach? Does your work in the territory assigned reflect diligence and heartfelt interest in people or indifference and apathy? One diligent service overseer from Texas expressed his disciplined steadfastness this way: "Every time I knock on a new door I become obligated to another person." Whether we regularly share in covering group or personal territory, we should display our deep concern for those "hungering and thirsting for righteousness."—Matt. 5:6.

PERSONAL AND GROUP TERRITORY

[2] Establishing clearly defined territory boundaries is a God-directed arrangement. (2 Cor. 10:13; Gal. 2:9) Initially this ensures a more thorough witness being given. It also prevents much overlapping of effort that at times has resulted in irritated householders. In some instances several publishers unknowingly made return visits on the same householder. Thorough organization of territory coverage will help to alleviate this problem of duplicating our efforts.

[3] While territory should periodically be worked by different publishers, some congregations arrange to have the same persons work a territory, or a selected portion thereof, several times. It may be advantageous to know the householder's name. Also, householders are more inclined to open the door when the caller is someone they recognize.

[4] When the same publishers work a territory it results in an economy of effort, time and expense. How so? First of all, the not-at-homes, return visits and Bible studies will be in a more confined area, not scattered about in a number of different territories requiring extensive travel. This, in turn, will create added incentive to call back on *all* those showing interest in our message. If you have been assigned a personal section of territory, why not put forth a diligent, organized effort to become acquainted with all those in your part of the "field." (Matt. 13:38) In doing so, we reflect Jehovah's own merciful attitude and recognize our *personal* accountability toward the lives of people in our community.—Jonah 4:11.

OFTEN-WORKED TERRITORY

[5] Many publishers are finding an increasing number of not-at-homes when calling at conventional times. Rather than making a long list of homes to which we seldom return, in some areas publishers have *immediately* reworked the not-at-homes. A difference of an hour or two has resulted in finding some of these individuals who had stepped out momentarily at the time we first called. This prompt, systematic return to all not-at-homes will in effect extend the amount of available territory. Thus, large sections of territory are not needed, and such an arrangement is helpful when the congregation's territory allotment is small.

[6] If we take our responsibility seriously, we will want to be certain that *all* persons in our territory are visited. Persistence and a willingness to fulfill our commission are needed, particularly in rural territory, "difficult" or often-worked areas and those not easily accessible to us. This requires that we personally keep accurate records of our results at each door. Do not be satisfied with making just one return visit, but persist in calling several times where interest is shown. As a result of such steadfastness, one publisher now has 80 individuals on his magazine route and conducts a number of Bible studies.

[7] Industriousness, diligence and determination are all qualities we must cultivate if we are to accomplish our ministry. (Ezek. 9:11; John 17:4) Our service to God should not be conducted in a casual, haphazard way. But, rather, our genuine love for Jehovah and our fellowman should motivate us to review carefully how we have been carrying out our preaching commission.

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	518	128.8	94.1	50.1	5.3
Pios.	18,760	87.5	66.2	34.9	3.6
Aux. Pios.	17,966	61.5	47.2	20.2	1.8
Pubs.	536,006	8.7	9.0	3.8	.5
TOTAL	573,250				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,695

Total publishers for March up 26,556 over March of last year! This is an increase of nearly 5 percent and only 4,000 less than our all-time peak. Individual magazine placements were up more than one million for an increase of 20 percent. We pray for Jehovah's continued blessing on the field ministry as we zealously speak with others about his glorious kingship.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

May 31: Pages 169* to 178*
June 7: Pages 178* to 186*
June 14: Pages 186* to 193†
June 21: Pages 194 to 201*
June 28: Pages 201* to 211

* To or from subheading.
† Include last paragraph on page.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

On Every Appropriate Occasion

1 The psalmist was keenly interested in showing his love and appreciation for Jehovah. He said: "It is good to give thanks to Jehovah and to make melody to your name, O Most High; to tell in the *morning* about your loving-kindness and about your faithfulness during the *nights*." (Ps. 92:1, 2) Do you feel that way?

2 Three young brothers who wanted to serve as auxiliary pioneers got an early start. In their town there was a transportation center where people took trains and buses into the city to work. The three young brothers were there at 6:30 each morning. Between 6:30 and 8:00 they placed many magazines as they spoke to people about Jehovah's kingdom.

3 Late afternoon and early evening hours have also proved to be good times to share in the service. Many brothers and sisters have observed that, while in some territories they find few persons at home when doing house-to-house work during the day, they find many more at home in the early evenings. Some people are more relaxed at the end of the day. Oftentimes men are pleased to have someone to talk with, and it is the men who are rarely found at home weekdays.

4 In just a few weeks we will be attending the "Kingdom Loyalty" District Convention. Your lapel card may open up opportunities to present the good news. Be sure to wear it.

5 It may be that you have found other ways to draw people into conversation. For instance, after making a purchase, some brothers and sisters just ask the clerk: 'Do you like to read?' After receiving a reply, they reach for a magazine or other publication and tell the person, 'Here is an article that I enjoyed reading very much.' They show it to the person and ask if he would like to read it also. If it is an older magazine, they may say: 'I have finished reading it. Would you like to read it, too?' Current publications can be offered for a contribution.

6 When sharing in the house-to-house work remember that *we are looking for people*. During the summertime people are often in the yard or walking along the sidewalk. Someone may be working on his car. Children may be playing in the street. People watch you going from house to house. By all means stop and satisfy their curiosity. You may find an excellent opportunity to present the good news.

7 As you endeavor to reach out to speak to more people, pray to Jehovah that he will direct you and bless your efforts. With his blessing you may have the pleasure of presenting the good news to someone who is hungering and thirsting for the truth. Yes, with Jehovah's blessing, we can enjoy both happiness and success in our efforts to present the good news on every appropriate occasion.

Progressively Teaching *(Cont'd)*

Jehovah's glorious kingship. (Ps. 145:10, 11) They can share the basic truths they are learning. When they have begun to attend meetings regularly and have brought their lives into harmony with basic Christian requirements, we can invite them to enroll in the Theocratic School and to share with us in field service.—Ps. 50:14.

ALL CAN HELP

5 When new ones attend congregation meetings, others in the congregation can influence them to make progress in the truth. How deeply impressed some people have become upon observing the godly conduct of Jehovah's people in general! A warm and friendly atmosphere among both young and old at the Kingdom Hall, along with obvious manifestations of holy spirit, have caused many persons to recognize that 'God is really among us.' (1 Cor. 14:25) Congregation book study conductors should be attentive to the new ones, encouraging them to associate with the neighborhood book study group and begin to share in field service. Especially do the elders in the congregation have opportunity to give encouragement to the newly associated ones as they welcome them at the meetings and offer spiritual assistance.

6 Most of us who are in the truth today can reflect on the loving assistance we received from different brothers and sisters as we were coming into the truth. Our appreciation for the progressive training and encouragement we received over the years moves us to want to help other new ones that are coming to Jehovah's house today. (Mic. 4:1, 2) By having a full share in progressively teaching the truth to others, we can rejoice with our part in fulfilling Jesus' command to go and make disciples.—Matt. 28:19.

Announcements

- Literature offer for June and July: *Happiness* book with new tract *Is a Happy Life Really Possible?* on a contribution of 60c. (If *Happiness* book is not available, use any other 192-page book with tract.) Offer tract when working with magazines also. August and September: *My Book of Bible Stories* on a contribution of $2.50, or, if not available, use any 192-page book on a contribution of 60c.
- New Publications Available:
  - *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It* —Albanian
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* —Korean
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *1 Corinthians* (one cassette) —English (Congregation and public: $2; pioneers: $1.75)
  - *2 Corinthians* and *Galatians* (one cassette) —English (Congregation and public: $2; pioneers: $1.75)
  - *The Good News According to John* (set of two cassette tapes) —Ukrainian (Congregation and public: $3; pioneers: $2.50)
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  - *1981 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* —English, Spanish
- In preparation for the dramas to be presented at the "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions, it is suggested that all read the following Bible accounts: 1 Samuel 18:1–19:24; 21:1–22:23; 24:1-7; 27:1-12; 29:1–31:13; 2 Samuel 1:1-16; Numbers 13:1–14:45; 16:1-35.
- Does your congregation get enough magazines? In view of the increased activity of your congregation as they engage in the magazine-day activity twice a month, it may be that you should be thinking of increasing your order.
- The special talk that was given in April, *On Whose Promises Do You Rely?*, will become a part of the regular series of talks given by the elders in the congregations.

Congregation Meetings *(Cont'd)*

stration, prepare well in advance and allow ample time to rehearse with those assisting you. Reports indicate that some are rehearsing school or service meeting parts for the first time on the night they are to be given. If this is being done during other parts of the program, obviously this will detract from the importance of our worship and bring little spiritual benefit to ourselves or others.

6 Real-life experiences also add much to our enjoyment of the meetings. (Prov. 15:30) The elders appreciate it when you make them aware of some interesting development in your field ministry. As these are shared with the congregation, many others can be encouraged.

7 Appreciation for our precious privilege of meeting together should impel each one of us to explore every channel available to us so that our meetings yield the richest possible dividends. Not only by our regular attendance each week, but also through our advance preparation and readiness to participate, will we make a genuine contribution to the quality of our congregational gatherings for worship.

reservations on their own before receiving the listing of facilities that are cooperating with the convention rooming department, it could cause a breakdown in some negotiations. This could occur at locations used year after year where brothers, based on rumor or assumption, have been accustomed to making very early reservations. Also, it could result in difficulties if a large number of delegates choose not to use the hotels and motels listed but, for one reason or another, make their own arrangements with facilities that have not cooperated fully with the convention rooming arrangement. We hope to make the listing broad enough to give a choice of good quality accommodations and yet give preference to the hotels/motels that give the best cooperation. Our aim with this rooming arrangement is to see that delegates are accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible, according to their circumstances, so as to be refreshed and able to enjoy fully the fine spiritual benefits of the program.

SELECTING YOUR CONVENTION

[9] It is our hope that every lover of Jehovah will be in attendance at the "Kingdom Loyalty" District Convention, if at all possible. In most cases, you will be attending at the location nearest to your congregation, or where two or more conventions are being held at the same location, on the dates recommended for your circuit or portion thereof. Please find listed on page 6, in date order, each convention city and the circuits, or portions thereof, recommended to attend each convention.

[10] Those circuits in the chart marked with an asterisk (*) may have some congregations located a little closer to another convention city, but it would be best, if possible, to attend at the location indicated so as to prevent unnecessary crowding.

[11] Where the chart indicates that a portion of a circuit attend at a particular location, such as ½ or ¼, it simply means that those congregations in the part of the circuit closest to that convention would attend where indicated, but the rest of the circuit would attend another convention closest to them as shown elsewhere on the list.

[12] Your determination to be among those attending the "Kingdom Loyalty" District Convention will bring rich rewards as Jehovah blesses your efforts. May your joy be made complete by planning to be present for every session from beginning to end, all four days.

TO THE BODY OF ELDERS

Upon receipt of this insert, it will be the responsibility of the convention coordinator to meet together with the presiding overseer before the next service meeting. They can determine from the circuit list shown which city and dates their congregation is to attend, based on the circuit or portion thereof that the congregation is in as of the end of February. (If the coordinator is caring for both positions, he should meet with another member of the congregation service committee.) Where a fraction of a circuit (½, ¼, and so forth) is involved, they should determine whether their congregation is part of the fraction nearest to that convention and, if so, plan on attending there. Then please announce at the next service meeting as well as the following *Watchtower* study the location and dates recommended by the Society for the congregation. It may be good to underline on the circuit list the recommended convention city and dates the congregation is to attend and post that portion of the insert on the information board for the benefit of the congregation.

In nearly every case, the elder serving as the convention coordinator will be conducting the service meeting part covering this insert as scheduled, as well as making other announcements and handling convention material on the meetings. This will serve to acquaint the congregation with their convention coordinator, as well as better enable him to coordinate convention matters. When covering this insert on the service meeting, it would be good to have a qualified brother read the key numbered paragraphs that apply to your congregation.

All the elders should be informed as to convention arrangements. They will want to coöperate fully, offering suggestions to assure the prompt, enthusiastic and effective handling of convention-related material. We appreciate very much your enthusiastic support of and kind attention to these matters.

1981 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

JUNE 11-14:

Augusta, GA: Ga. ¼3, ⅓8; S.C. ½1, ½2, ⅓3.
Beaumont, TX: La. 1-B; Tex. 4, 12-B*.
Cicero, IL: Ill. 2, 9, 12; Mich. 4-B; Wis. 4-B.
Jacksonville, FL: Fla. 3, ¼5, ⅓11, 12; Ga. ⅓7.
Los Angeles, CA (Japanese also): Calif. 1-A, ⅔1-B, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 20, 21, 24, 28, 33, 35, 37; Nev. ½2.
Phoenix, AZ: Ariz. 1, 2-B, 3, 5; Calif. ⅓1-B; Nev. ½2.
Richfield, OH: Ohio 5-B, 8, 10, 11, 12.
Savannah, GA: Ga. ¾3, ⅓7; S.C. ⅔3.
Tucson, AZ: Ariz. 2-A, 4; N.M. 1.
Tuscaloosa, AL: Ala. 1*, 2, 4, 5-A, ½5-B; Miss. ½2-B, ½3-B.
Wilmington, DE: N.J. 7-B, 7-C; Pa. 1, 3, 11, 13.

JUNE 18-21:

Amarillo, TX: Kans. ⅓2-A; N.M. 2-A, 3; Tex. 9, 10, ½18.
Baton Rouge, LA: La. 1-A, 3, 4, 5; Miss. ⅔4-B.
Cicero, IL: Ill. 8, 10; Ind. 1; Wis. 1.
Huntington, WV: Ky. ⅔3-B; Ohio ½7, 15-A, ½15-B, 16; Tenn. ½5; W.Va. ½1, ½3.
Lakeland, FL: Fla. ½4, ⅓9, 10.
Macon, GA: Ala. ½6; Ga. 1, 2, ⅓7.
Nashville, TN: Ga. ⅓4; Ky. ½1; Tenn. ½2-A, 2-B, 4, 6.
Portland, ME: Me. 1, 2; N.H. 1-B; Vt. 1-A.
Providence, RI: Mass. 1, 4; N.H. 1-A.
Richfield, OH: Ohio 1, 3, 4, 13; Pa. 12-B.
Wichita, KS: Kans. ½1, ⅔2-A, 2-B, 3, 4; Mo. 6-B*, 8*; Nebr. 1-A*.
Wilmington, DE: N.J. 3, 6; Pa. 2-A, 4, 6.

JUNE 25-28:

Cicero, IL: Ill. 1, ¼4, 5, 11, 13.
Dallas, TX: Okla. ⅓4-B; Tex. 6, 12-A, 15.
Denver, CO: Colo. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; N.M. 2-B; Wyo. 2.
Greensboro, NC: N.C. 1-B, 2, 5, 6-A, 7; S.C. ½1; Va. 2-B.
Lakeland, FL: Fla. ¾5, 13.
Macon, GA: Ga. ⅓4, 5, 6, ⅓8.
Pontiac, MI: Ind. 7-B; Mich. 1, 2, 3, 4-A, 5, 6, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14; Ohio 5-A.
Providence, RI: Mass. 2, 5; R.I. 1.
Roanoke, VA: Va. 2-A*, 4-A, 5; W.Va. ½1, ¼3.
Utica, NY: N.Y. 6, 16-B, 22-A.
Wheeling, WV: Ohio ½15-B; Pa. 7, 14; W.Va. 2-A.

JULY 2-5:

Beaumont, TX (Spanish only): S-14, S-33-B*, S-33-C.
Dallas, TX: Tex. 5, 13, 14, ¼18.
East Rutherford, NJ: N.J. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-A, 8; Pa. 2-B.
Green Bay, WI: Wis. 2*, 3-B.
Greenville, SC: Ga. ⅓4, ⅓8; N.C. 4; Tenn. 1.
Indianapolis, IN: Ill. ⅓3; Ind. 2, 3-A, ½4-A, 5*, 6, 7-A; Ohio 2*, ⅔6, ½7.
Los Angeles, CA (Korean also): Calif. 5, 8-A, 16, 17, 25, 30, 31, 32, 36, 38, 44, 45, 46, 47.
New Haven, CT: Conn. 3; N.Y. 14-A*, 16-A.
Oklahoma City, OK: Okla. 1, 2, 3, 4-A, ⅔4-B, 5.
Pine Bluff, AR: Ark. 1, 2, ½4, 5*.
Reno, NV: Calif. 23, 43.
St. Louis, MO: Ill. ½6-B, 7; Mo. 1, 2, ½4-A, 4-B*, ½5-A, 5-B, 7.
St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. ½2 (St. Petersburg congregations), ⅔9.
San Francisco, CA: Calif. ½14, 19, 26, 34, 41.
Utica, NY: N.Y. ⅔21, 22-B*, 24.
Wheeling, WV: Ohio 14; Pa. 8, 10; W.Va. ¼3.

JULY 9-12:

Billings, MT: Mont. 1-B*, 2, 3; N.D. 1-A; Wyo. 1.
Fresno, CA: Calif. 10, 29.
Green Bay, WI: Mich. 7; Wis. 3-A, 4-A, ⅓5.
Greenville, SC: N.C. 3*; S.C. ½2; Tenn. ½5.
Hallandale, FL (French also): Fla. 1, ½4, 6, 8.
Hampton, VA: N.C. 1-A, 6-B; Va. 6.
Houston, TX: Tex. 2, ½3-A, 11.
Monroe, LA: La. 2, 6; Miss. 3-A*, ½3-B, 4-A, ⅓4-B.
New Haven, CT: Conn. 1, 2-A; N.Y. 3*.
Ogden, UT: Idaho 3; Utah 1, 2.
Pullman, WA: Idaho 1, 2; Mont. 1-A; Ore. ¼5-A; Wash. ⅓3-A, 3-B, 4.
Reno, NV: Calif. ½14, ½42; Nev. 1.
St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. ½2, 7.
San Antonio, TX (Spanish only): S-3, S-7, S-8, S-10, S-33-A.
San Francisco, CA: Calif. 11, 15, 22, 40.
Springfield, MA: Conn. 2-B, 2-C; Mass. 3; Vt. 1-B.

JULY 16-19:

Chicago, IL (Spanish only): S-21-B, S-13-B.
Des Moines, IA: Iowa 1, ⅓2-A, 2-B, 3, 4-B; Mo. 3*.
El Paso, TX (Spanish only): S-6, S-18, S-24, S-28.
Fresno, CA: Calif. 8-B, 9*, 39.
Hallandale, FL (Spanish only): S-12, S-16, S-26.
Hampton, VA: Va. 1, 3.
Houston, TX: Tex. 16, 17.
Landover, MD: D.C. 1; Md. 1, 4; Pa. 5*, 9*.
Los Angeles, CA (Spanish only): S-4, S-9, S-20, S-23, S-31, S-32.
Louisville, KY: Ind. 3-B, ½4-A, 4-B; Ky. ½1, 2, 3-A, ⅓3-B, 4*; Ohio ⅓6, 9.
Memphis, TN: Ark. 3, ½4; Miss. 2-A, ½2-B; Mo. ½4-A; Tenn. ½2-A, 3.
Niagara Falls, NY: N.Y. 8, 13; Pa. 12-A.
Omaha, NB: Iowa ⅔2-A; Kans. ½1; Mo. 6-A; Nebr. 1-B, 2, 3; S.D. ½1.
San Francisco, CA: Calif. 12, 13, 18, 27, ½42.
Seattle, WA: Wash. 1, 2, ⅔3-A, 5, 6, 7-A, 7-B, 8.
Springfield, IL: Ill. ⅔3, ¾4, 6-A, ½6-B; Iowa 4-A; Mo. ½5-A.

JULY 23-26:

Chicago, IL (Spanish only): S-21-A; Kans. 3-C.
Detroit, MI (Spanish only): S-13-A, S-29-C*.
Fresno, CA (Spanish only): S-5-B, S-15.
Landover, MD (Korean also): Md. 2, 3, 5, 6; Va. 4-B; W.Va. 2-B.
Queens, NY (Spanish and Greek only): S-1, S-2, S-17, S-22, S-25, S-27, S-29-A, S-29-B, S-30.
Rochester, NY: N.Y. 7, 9*, ⅓21.
St. Paul, MN: Minn. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; N.D. 1-B; S.D. ½1; Wis. ⅔5.
Woodburn, OR (Spanish only): S-19.

JULY 30–AUGUST 2:

Fresno, CA (Spanish only): S-5-A, S-11.
Mobile, AL: Ala. 3, ½5-B, ½6; Fla. ⅔11; Miss. 1.
Portland, OR: Ore. 1, 3, 4; Wash. 7-C.
Queens, NY (Italian also): N.Y. 5, 14-B, 15, 17, 18, 19, 23.
San Antonio, TX: Tex. 1, ½3-A, 3-B, 7, 8, ¼18.

AUGUST 6-9:

Long Island City, NY (French only): N.Y. 20.
Natick, MA (Portuguese only): T-1.
Portland, OR: Ore. 2, ¾5-A, 5-B, 6, 7.
Queens, NY: N.Y. 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 12.

AUGUST 20-23:

Los Angeles, CA (Chinese only): North American Chinese.

Congregation Meetings (*Cont'd*)

of interest found, how to prepare for these calls, and how to use the Bible effectively in teaching sheeplike persons. Have not these suggestions aided us to be more concerned about people and our responsibility toward those who respond?

6 Conducting Bible studies has also been given considerable attention. What will help more of us to share in this privilege of service? In an article entitled "Is Your Witnessing Purposeful?" in the April 1979, *Our Kingdom Service*, the question was raised: "Do we make the finding of sheeplike ones and the desire for a Bible study a subject of our prayers? (1 John 5:14) After praying, do we become easily discouraged if such prayers seemingly go unanswered for a time? Or, do we persevere in our prayers and work in harmony with what we are praying for?" Many apply the fine suggestions and encouragement given at service meetings with respect to the Bible study activity. Are you doing so? If so, has it not made you a more effective teacher?

7 Practical suggestions about informal witnessing have enabled many of us to take advantage of daily opportunities to give a Kingdom witness. Have you enjoyed interesting experiences by witnessing informally? What particular suggestions helped you?

8 Much attention has been given to the needs of young people. Service meetings have pointed out how they can develop spiritually, share fully in field activity and cope with problems at school or in divided households. Many youths have expressed appreciation for program parts that were designed especially for them.

ADVANCE PREPARATION NEEDED

9 Elders and ministerial servants should prepare program parts well and employ the art of teaching. Endeavor to follow closely the direction outlined in the section "Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples." When preparing your assignment, ask yourself: Why is this part appropriate, and how can I make it helpful and applicable to the congregation? What are the main points that the audience should learn? What methods should I employ to teach effectively? (*or*, pp. 97, 98) The presiding overseer may provide assigned brothers with helpful suggestions, as needed.

10 After receiving a new issue of *Our Kingdom Service*, it is good to read it through. Later make a more careful study of the printed information in preparation for each week's service meeting. Where audience participation is called for, be prepared to comment. (Heb. 10:23, 24) Such participation builds up faith and is an expression of our love for the brothers and for Jehovah. It also aids us in retaining points we have learned so that we can apply them in the field and in our daily life.

11 So, there are many good reasons to do our utmost to derive the fullest possible benefit from the service meeting. It is one of the provisions designed to help us to accomplish our disciple-making work and to gain divine approval. —2 Tim. 2:15.

Making Good Use of Circuit Overseer's Report

1 Circuit overseers regularly visit all congregations in an effort to stimulate and spiritually encourage their brothers. When they complete their visit, they submit a written report to the Society, leaving a copy with the congregation. How can these reports be best utilized by the elders?

2 The *Organization* book, page 86, outlines this arrangement, stating in part: "Before leaving the congregation, but after his meeting with the body of elders, the circuit overseer fills out a report to the branch office on what service he rendered during his visit, making observations on the spiritual condition of the congregation, matters that were discussed with the elders, and so forth."

3 This report should be circulated to all elders so that they can personally review it and make notes, where needed. It should also be considered at subsequent elders' meetings as an aid to analyzing the needs of the congregation as well as the observations and suggestions of the circuit overseer. Elders will want to act upon the suggestions made in this report, applying these to the congregation's activity. To this end, they can make good use of the time set aside in the service meeting for considering local needs. If proper use is made of this report, both the local elders and the congregation as a whole can benefit more fully from the visits of the traveling overseers.

Have Love . . . (*Cont'd*)

one another freely if anyone has a cause for complaint against another. Even as Jehovah freely forgave you, so do you also. But, besides all these things, clothe yourselves with love, for it is a perfect bond of union." We need to remember that a spiritual person is distinguished by his readiness to demonstrate love toward his brothers, "putting up with" them.

WAYS TO SHOW LOVING CONCERN

5 As spiritual persons we can seek ways to show our love for the whole association of brothers. One of the primary steps required is to get acquainted with them, come to know something of their background, personality and way of life. Try to understand why they say and do things in a certain way.

6 It is also good to find ways to share with them in some form of the preaching and disciple-making work. Working with them from door to door and in other features of the ministry, seeing their zeal for Jehovah, perhaps understanding some of the problems they may face in sharing in certain service activity—all of this will enhance our Christian love and concern for them. In this way we will also have opportunity to exchange experiences, the joys, the problems encountered in doing the Kingdom work as part of the earth-wide association of brothers. Thus we can come to enjoy an interchange of encouragement.—Rom. 1:11, 12.

7 And there is the opportunity at times to visit with others, inviting them to our home, if possible, or going to their home. The more we come to appreciate the common work and service we all share together as brothers, the more we will come to have love for the whole association of brothers and care for one another.

8 This broadened view will promote unity and cooperation in the congregation. When others visit, or newly interested ones attend our meetings, they will be impressed by the warmth of loving consideration that all have for each other. Seeing this will be of assistance to them in coming out of the world, a world that will hate them for leaving it in favor of association with those who have found the true faith.

9 How comforting and heartwarming it is to be able to say: 'Yes, this world hates me, even as Jesus said, but my brothers, the whole association of them earth wide, love me and I love them.' How grateful we can be for that! By examining our own love for our brothers we can see where there is need for improvement so that in deed and in truth all will know we are disciples of the Master, Jesus Christ.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Making Return Visits

[1] In his parable of the sower, Jesus compared the spreading of Kingdom truth to a farmer sowing literal seed. Not all the seed would sprout and produce, but some would fall on good soil and grow. This would bring joy to the sower. The spiritual sowing and reaping we participate in today likewise brings great joy as Jesus promised. —John 4:36.

[2] After our initial sowing of seed by means of a literature placement or simply a Scriptural discussion, further cultivation is needed. This is usually best accomplished by making return visits. Since far more literature is placed than return calls are made, there is a great potential for making effective return visits. Some may hold back from making such calls, thinking that only the skilled and outgoing publishers are qualified to make return visits. However, it is not as difficult as some may have imagined.

[3] Having made the first friendly contact, you have common ground for the return visit. So when should the second call be made and what can be said to the one showing interest? In some cases, if the person has shown genuine interest, a return visit can be made as soon as a day or two after the initial contact. While he may or may not have had opportunity to read any literature that was left with him, your first visit will be fresh in his mind. Waiting too long may allow the interest to wane.

[4] As for what to speak about when you return, a helpful suggestion is to lay a good foundation first on the initial call and then build on it. Some record should be kept of what you spoke about. If possible, find out the name of the individual and then on the return visit you can greet that person by name. Be warm and friendly and indicate you have something additional to share with the person. If no one is at home, try again at a different time. Be persevering. Lives are involved and we want to make every effort to cultivate further the initial interest shown. In some cases you might even phone before leaving for the territory to ensure that someone will be home, impressing the person with the importance of your call.

[5] Preparation is the key to success. Before making the call, think about what you wish to consider with the person. *Bible Topics for Discussion* offers some fine suggestions on various subjects of interest, such as "Bible," "Earth," "Jehovah, God," "Kingdom," "Last Days."

[6] Some do not make return visits because they do not schedule a definite time for them. Return visits can be made in the evenings, on weekends, just after completing house-to-house calls, or at other times convenient to your personal schedule. All are appropriate. Your joy will greatly increase as you regularly share in this important field.

[7] In view of the fine success we have enjoyed in placing the pocket-size books with the public in the past, February is a month that will feature one of the 192-page books on a contribution of 60c. It is hoped that during the month you will make time available for return visits on those potential sheeplike persons you contact in your field service activity.

Unworked Territory

Some congregations have territory that has not been worked in the past year or more. We have asked the circuit overseer to make arrangements for other congregations in or outside the circuit to help cover territory that has not been worked during the past year. Please inform your circuit overseer if you are available to help out in this activity.

There are 305 counties or parts of counties in the United States that are not assigned to any congregation. This territory needs to be worked also. Those interested in helping out should check with their congregation secretary for information from the Society concerning unassigned territory.

As we all have a full share in the work of Kingdom-preaching, it is hoped that a good witness will be given in all our territory this year.

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	535	129.9	89.5	49.6	5.1
Pios.	17,413	83.6	58.2	31.1	3.4
Aux. Pios.	17,364	59.0	42.2	18.6	1.6
Pubs.	522,143	8.5	8.2	3.6	.4
TOTAL	557,455				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,948

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why the Bible Was Written

1 Cor. 10:11—Sounds a warning.

2 Tim. 3:15—Makes wise for salvation.

Announcements

- The MEDICAL ALERT cards distributed last September should now be updated for 1981. Please cross out the former date and neatly write in the new date so that your card will be current. If additional copies are now needed, a small supply can be ordered with a congregation order. Next year's supply will be sent automatically in September.

- Literature offer for February and March: One of the older 192-page books. Encourage publishers to offer books of which congregation has an excess stock. April and May: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50.

- Arrangements will be made to provide a copy of the March 15, 1981, *Watchtower,* for all newly interested persons who attend the Memorial on April 19, 1981. This is the issue scheduled to be studied on April 26. Congregations may wish to order extra copies for Memorial distribution.

- The April 1 and 15 issues of *The Watchtower* and also the April 8 and 22 issues of *Awake!* will have articles specially suitable for placing with the public and for obtaining subscriptions. Be sure to place your order early for extra copies, including those that will be needed by auxiliary pioneers.

- All bodies of elders will have their quarterly elders' meeting during the month of March. They should review latest report of circuit overseer.

- New cassette recordings (also with Braille labels) available:
  - *To the Hebrews* and *The Letter of James*—English (Both books on one cassette. Price for congregation and public: $2; pioneers: $1.75.)
  - *Acts of Apostles*—Dutch (Set of 3 cassettes. Price for congregation and public: $6; pioneers: $5.50.)

- On Saturday, April 11, the Bethel home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours on that day.

Question Box

- Is it proper to write to the Society or its branch offices for addresses of persons we can write to as pen pals?

We recommend that publishers who wish to correspond with brothers in other cities and even in foreign countries work such matters out for themselves. Oftentimes many fine friendships have resulted from acquaintances made at assemblies. Then by means of regular correspondence it has been possible to develop a warm, enduring friendship. There is nothing wrong in such personal correspondence. However, addresses for such correspondence purposes must be obtained on an individual basis. All the addresses in the Society's files and in congregation files are confidential and they cannot be released for personal use.

Some schools encourage correspondence with pen pals as training in certain courses. In some instances younger publishers have witnessed effectively by means of correspondence and have succeeded in stimulating genuine interest in the truth. It is up to each individual, however, to decide if he will participate in such a school-sponsored program of letter writing. Those who do write to worldly persons, however, do well to keep in mind giving a Kingdom witness rather than cultivating an interest in worldly affairs, in view of the warning against "bad associations" given at 1 Corinthians 15:33.

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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 29–JULY 5
Using the tract

1. Have you had an encouraging experience already in placing the tract?
2. What have you found in the tract that particularly appeals to people in your territory?
3. How would you use the tract to start a Bible study in the "Happiness" book?

JULY 6-12
Showing neighbor love

1. Why is showing neighbor love so important?
2. How can the literature we have to offer help our neighbors?
3. What opportunities do we have to show neighbor love today?

JULY 13-19
Helping others to progress

1. When and how can you help others to make progress in the ministry?
2. What can you do to help new ones or youths in field service?
3. As you witness to people, what can you do to help them to make spiritual progress?

JULY 20-26
Laying groundwork for return visits

1. How can you lay the groundwork for a return visit on your first call?
2. What are some questions you might bring up for consideration on a return visit?
3. What notations on your house-

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"You Must Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

1 The second of the two greatest commandments given by God to mankind is: "You must love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:39) Jehovah God was the first one to exhibit deep and abiding love for mankind. His Son, Jesus, likewise showed love for the human family by the sacrifice of his life as a ransom in our behalf. This was a display by Jesus of the deepest meaning of love for one's neighbor. (John 3:16; 15:13) But Jesus did other things as well to show his love for mankind. What else did he do?

2 For one thing, Jesus preached the good news of God's kingdom that would bring eternal blessings to obedient mankind. His deep feelings for people are shown by a Biblical account dealing with one of his preaching tours. We read at Matthew 9:35, 36: "And Jesus set out on a tour of all the cities and villages, teaching . . . and preaching the good news of the kingdom . . . On seeing the crowds he felt pity for them, because they were skinned and thrown about like sheep without a shepherd." The account also tells us that he performed acts of healing as an evidence of his love for people. Yes, indeed, Jehovah God and Christ Jesus care for others, and their display of love is unmatched. Can we likewise

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INCREASED FIELD SERVICE ACTIVITY DURING APRIL RESULTS IN ANOTHER EXCELLENT REPORT

We have good reason to be thankful to Jehovah for his rich blessings this past April. Here in the United States the field service report gives solid evidence of keen appreciation for the Kingdom ministry entrusted to us. The April report shows we had our best month this service year as far as total hours, magazines, subscriptions, return visits and home Bible studies are concerned. In fact, it was one of the best months in a number of years. While the total publishers is not a new peak for this service year, it is still 20,081 more than April a year ago, a 4.4-percent increase over last year's average.

The 41,887 auxiliary pioneers plus the number of regular and special pioneers shows that 61,199, or 10.8 percent of the total publishers shared in full-time field service during April. This is commendable. We feel confident that all who shared in this privilege experienced much joy. So did the congregation publishers who put forth added effort in the ministry during that month. Let us keep on glorifying our ministry, doing our utmost to make known the marvelous Kingdom hope to all who will hear.—Rom. 11:13.

Training Our Children to Be Preachers of the Good News

1 Due to the fine witness given by two Christian boys concerning their faith and convictions, the parents of these youths received a letter, which said in part: "I am still under the charm of the long conversation I had this morning with your two children. . . . Truly, I never remember having heard children express their faith so interestingly and with so much conviction and intelligence. . . . I do not know you, but judging by your two children, you must be praiseworthy parents." Even more than a credit to their parents, these children are truly a credit to Jehovah whose righteous principles have become a guiding influence in their lives.—Ps. 148:12, 13; Matt. 21:16.

2 Certainly all Christian parents want their children to grow up to be whole-souled, dedicated servants of Jehovah. (Prov. 23:24, 25) However, we know that just being a part of a Christian household does not automatically make youths praisers of Jehovah. Parents should not assume that attainment of the goal is a matter of chance. The experience related above well illustrates that we can train our children to be preachers of the good news. However, diligent and consistent effort is important.

PROGRESSIVELY TRAIN YOUR CHILDREN

3 Jesus trained his disciples progressively to be preachers of the good news. First he explained their objective. (Matt. 4:19) Then he took them with him, preaching to and teaching the people. Thus, the disciples were trained in service. In time he sent them out by twos

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JULY 5

Song 118

5 min: Introduction and local announcements.

12 min: Question-and-answer discussion of article entitled "You Must Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." Show how modern-day field ministry closely connected with the same work Jesus began when on earth. In discussing paragraphs 5 and 6, if there have been some good experiences in placing the *Happiness* book, include them. Then lead into the part that follows on using the *Happiness* book tract in field service to start home Bible studies.

15 min: Making good use of the tract *Is a Happy Life Really Possible?* Discuss with audience the value of the tract in encouraging people to have a home Bible study. Point out sections in the book that prove appealing to people who show interest in Bible study. Many today face economic problems dealing with inflation and unemployment. Demonstrate briefly how chapter 6, "Money Problems—What Help?" might be used to encourage home Bible study. Page 61, subheading "Being Content Is a Key" might well be used.

13 min: Service overseer can discuss use of current magazines on magazine day, highlighting their value and offering suggestions for placing them with interested persons. Consider information in box on page 1. Also comment on congregation's April report.

Song 23 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 12

Song 73

5 min: Introduction, Announcements from page 4, local announcements and accounts report.

20 min: Elder, along with a family head or two, discusses article "Training Our Children to Be Preachers of the Good News." Among points to stress are (1) Children need to be trained in field service; (2) Objectives should be explained and responses to what is said analyzed; (3) Goals should be set and pursued; (4) Parents must train their own children, although others can offer to help; (5) Among us are examples of such fine results; (6) We have good potential.

15 min: Assisting Bible students to make progress. Talk and discussion. It is necessary to show students that they have a responsibility toward others. *Happiness* book can serve as a fine instrument in this regard. For example, page 40, paragraph 25, shows how a start can be made to take on this responsibility of sharing the good news. The need for association with fellow believers is stressed on page 50, paragraph 24. Getting to know what the Bible student thinks is important. Pages 34 and 35 illustrate ways this can be done, showing how you can teach him to express himself on what *he* thinks. As student approaches time when dedication and baptism should be considered, page 183 can be discussed in detail. Highlight throughout the need to make progress.

5 min: Give a brief report on magazine-day activity the previous week and what is hoped can be accomplished the next time. Encourage brothers to use magazines to help others.

Song 63 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 19

Song 68

5 min: Introduction and local announcements.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—On Magazine Day." Talk and demonstrations based on presentations suggested in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of article. Stress importance of reading magazines to be more effective in presenting them. Encourage publishers to put forth special effort to share in magazine work the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

15 min: How I Came into the Truth. (Select two or three persons to interview. Keep part fast-moving and encouraging to all. Help publishers to see importance of assisting their own Bible students to progress.)

7 min: Brief report on progress of those auxiliary pioneering during summer months. If time permits, relate an encouraging experience or two that auxiliary pioneers have had recently.

Song 103 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 26

Song 100

7 min: Introduction and local announcements.

20 min: Question-and-answer discussion of article "Do You Have a Good Personal Study Program?" Include interviews of three persons—family head, youth, and new person—as to how they do their own personal studying and what program they have found to be best in their own situation. Receive expressions from audience on things that have threatened to disrupt good study program.

10 min: Use for local needs, or give encouraging talk on articles in March 1, 1981, *Watchtower*, entitled "Do You Appreciate the 'Faithful and Discreet Slave'?" and "The 'Faithful Slave' Gives 'Food at the Proper Time.'"

8 min: Relate recent encouraging field service experiences by publishers and pioneers.

Song 12 and prayer.

Love Your Neighbor *(Cont'd)*

make an effort to love our neighbors as ourselves in imitation of Jehovah and Christ Jesus? How can we do this?

WHAT WE SHOULD DO

³ We can share with others the good news of that same kingdom that Jesus preached. (Matt. 10:5-7) Jesus also said in the prophetic twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew that part of the sign marking the end of this wicked world would be the earth-wide preaching of the good news of the Kingdom for a witness. In these highly significant "last days," it is our privilege to be Kingdom proclaimers, giving evidence of our genuine love for our neighbors as for ourselves.

⁴ As we share in such important work we have great inner joy and peace of mind. We are confident in heart and mind that we are doing just as Jesus and his early disciples did, spreading Kingdom good news to those who are 'skinned and knocked about as sheep without a shepherd,' giving evidence of our love for our neighbor.

HOW TO SHARE IN THE WORK IN JULY

⁵ In July Jehovah's Witnesses will be expressing love of neighbor by using the fine Bible aid *Happiness—How to Find It.* Due to convention travel or vacations, we may not have as many opportunities to share in the house-to-house work as usual, but this should not hinder us from exercising loving care for those with whom we come in contact. At the convention there will be opportunities arranged to

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Training Children *(Cont'd)*

to preach the good news on a wider scope. However, before doing so, he gave more specific instructions. (Matt. 10:1–11:1; Luke 10:2) From time to time he worked with them, training them further in the field ministry.

4 Parents!—Following the example of Jesus, progressively train your children. Teach them *why* we preach, and the objectives of the various methods and features of our ministry. Also, take the time to help them appreciate the meaning of the various responses encountered. Train them to do the work by setting goals for them and helping them to attain each goal. Passing out handbills, reading scriptures for you and keeping the house-to-house records may be simple objectives with which to begin their training. Later, they should learn some effective ways to introduce the message and how to converse with householders.

FINE RESULTS

5 There are many fine examples of faithful brothers and sisters among us who were taught from youth on to be disciples of Christ, preachers of the good news. In congregations everywhere they continue to serve, some as pioneers and appointed servants. How thankful they are that, from an early age, they had impressed upon them the importance of the field ministry.—Eccl. 11:9, 10; 12:1.

6 All of us in the congregations of Jehovah's people have an interest in training our children to be preachers of the good news. To the extent that other members of the congregation are moved to volunteer to help parents with some aspect of training their children in the field service, parents may accept this help. However, Jehovah God has placed the responsibility of training children in the hands of the parents. Therefore, parents, train your children to be preachers of the good news!

. . . Field Service *(Cont'd)*

to-house record would help you to make a return visit?

JULY 27–AUGUST 2

Introductions (Matt. 10:12)

1. How can we show friendliness to householders?
2. What subjects interest householders in our territory?
3. How do you introduce yourself and get into the Topic for Conversation?

Do You Have a Good Personal Study Program?

1 'If only I had more time to study. I just can't seem to find the time!' Have you heard anyone make this statement? Perhaps you have made it yourself. Do you find it difficult to set aside time for personal study? Does it seem sometimes that other things interfere with your personal and family study? Yes, it takes real effort to set aside sufficient time for studying. Obviously, there are many activities that can consume our time. On the other hand, our own sinful flesh can cause us to put off personal study. (Compare Romans 7:18-20.) If you have experienced difficulties in this regard, what can you do to improve your study habits? First, ask yourself: How important is personal study to me? Can I do more than I am doing presently? Where will I find the needed time? Do I have a good arrangement for study? If you do, fine! But if not, *now* is the time to develop a good schedule.

2 Additionally, think about *why* it is so important to do personal study. Is it enough to try to get by with only what you can absorb at the meetings, without doing personal study? In time your spiritual health will reflect your neglect. To grow spiritually we have to put forth diligent personal effort. If we have a tendency to neglect personal study, we would do well to reflect upon the need for accurate knowledge in order to have Jehovah's approval.—2 Tim. 2:15.

SCHEDULING PERSONAL STUDY

3 Plan definite times for personal study. Establish a schedule that will fit your particular life pattern. Perhaps you can spend 10 to 15 minutes each day studying or reading the Bible. Some persons do this early in the morning, or before going to bed at night. Others take advantage of time spent while riding on public transportation, waiting for an appointment or during lunch breaks. If you incorporate some of these suggestions in your schedule for personal study, you may be delighted at how much you can accomplish in just a few minutes every day. Of course, once the schedule is made, you should stick to it. If you fail to maintain a good schedule for personal study, your efforts are likely to be too haphazard to be successful. So, strive to prevent anything from interfering with your personal study arrangements. Our rate of spiritual growth, to a large extent, is governed by the regularity and the quality of our personal study.—Ps. 1:2.

BENEFITS OF PERSONAL STUDY

4 At Proverbs 2:1-5 we are counseled to "find the very knowledge of God." We can never hope to acquire the "knowledge of God" unless we study his Word. By personal study we impress more deeply upon our minds and hearts Scriptural material designed to draw us closer to Jehovah. We can more readily note details and check specifics of the material discussed at meetings if we have considered it privately, beforehand. By using good study methods we will find that our reading ability will improve, as well as our grammar and choice of words. We will give better talks and be more upbuilding in our comments at meetings and home Bible studies. We will learn more and remember more, as Jehovah's Word is sounded down into our minds and hearts. This will help us to be better equipped to make decisions when faced with important issues. Our shield of faith can then offer greater protection from this world's wicked influences. Yes, the more we learn, the better prepared we will be to give others the reasons for our Kingdom hope.—1 Pet. 3:15.

5 Life-giving knowledge comes from God, but it is not acquired or retained without considerable personal effort. A positive attitude will go a long way toward helping us to gain accurate knowledge. (Col. 3:10) Personal study plays a vital part in growth to maturity and in keeping ourselves strong spiritually and properly equipped for Jehovah's service. Be willing to 'pay the price' of time and effort in studying God's Word. It surely is worth it!

Love Your Neighbor *(Cont'd)*

share in the preaching work. Also, you may be able to share the good news with others when fueling your car, getting groceries, eating at a restaurant, riding on public transportation, and so forth. And do not forget to make use of the tract that encourages home Bible studies.

6 By being alert to opportunities you can express your love for your neighbor. We encourage you to pay close attention to the service meeting parts during July dealing with the use of the *Happiness* book in witnessing so that you will be prepared to pass along the good information in that publication. Thus we may lead others to the Word of God, the source of information on how we can love our neighbor as ourselves.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

On Magazine Day

[1] What beneficial effects the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines have had on the lives of those who read them! Why, each issue contains information that can assist truth-seekers onto the road to eternal life and happiness. Since the announcement that appeared in the February issue of *Our Kingdom Service* this year, arrangements have been made to feature magazine work each week; however, a special effort should be made to feature magazines on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY

[2] Most of us will participate in magazine-day activity by offering *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* from house to house. This generally is where we find many persons in a position to listen. But even here we do well to be brief, holding our presentations to just enough time to stimulate interest. The objective is to place the magazines and let them do the "talking."

[3] If we were not out in service on magazine day, likely we would be busy just as the people on whom we call, so we should take this into consideration. Because the weekends are the only time many people have to care for matters around the home, we should anticipate their objection: "I'm busy." Therefore, some publishers find it beneficial to comment on this in their brief introduction, saying: "I am a local minister [or neighbor] calling on this busy Saturday morning. . . ." Quickly they get into pointed comments that tie in with a preselected article and show how the information in the article can benefit the householder personally.

[4] Another objection that may come up initially is: "I'm not interested in Jehovah's Witnesses or those magazines." To this some publishers reply: "I can understand why you may feel that way; however, I'm quite sure you are interested in information that would help you to get a good night's rest," or whatever topic you may be featuring in the magazines. At times, this response captures the interest of the householder.

[5] "By far we place more magazines per hour by working from store to store," wrote one circuit overseer's wife. Other publishers will concur. One brother who enjoys fine success in this activity explains how he does it: "I give my name, state that I am a minister and that I am calling on business people in the area. I say: 'I know that you are busy so I will be very brief.' Then I mention the subject I am discussing and state a point on it in a sentence or two. I then take the magazines out of my briefcase, show the particular article on the subject and make the offer." If the manager shows interest, you may ask permission to make a similar brief offer to the employees.

[6] For some publishers, offering magazines on the street has proved especially effective. They usually do not stand in one spot. "I move slowly with the crowd," one brother explained. "I may say to a man: 'I beg your pardon,' and then go on with my presentation." The idea is to take the initiative and approach people.

PERFORMING A PUBLIC SERVICE

[7] When a new magazine arrives, analyze its appeal. You may have a neighbor or friend who has not been especially responsive to the truth, but who is interested in a particular subject. When this is discussed in the magazines, you may be able to place them with him. Also, when an article deals with the police department or law enforcement, see to it that the policemen and judges in town receive a copy. Appropriate articles on the medical profession can be directed to those most interested in that subject. Or, if *Awake!* discusses automobiles or auto maintenance, feature it at gas stations, used car agencies and so forth. By taking advantage of these many possibilities, we perform a valuable public service.

[8] Not to be overlooked, too, are our special issues. Many publishers have noted that they have wide appeal and are easily placed. Extra copies may be ordered and used for several months.

[9] Magazine-day witnessing is one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to share in preaching the good news of the Kingdom. (Matt. 24:14) Make it your aim to participate regularly in presenting the good news on magazine day.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

What Makes for Happiness?

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

Announcements

● The regular shipment of service forms will be sent to all congregations during the month of September. If any congregation is seriously overstocked on one or more forms, please advise us. We will adjust the annual mailing of your forms accordingly.

● Literature offer for July: *Happiness* book with the new tract *Is a Happy Life Really Possible?* on a contribution of 60c. (If the *Happiness* book is not available, use any other 192-page book with the tract.) August and September: *My Book of Bible Stories* on a contribution of $2.50. If not available, use any 192-page book.

● Court decisions on divorce and upholding the right of Jehovah's Witnesses to have custody of their children may be obtained by those involved in such problems on request from the Treasurer's Office of the Society. Upon receipt of them you may wish to reimburse the Society for mailing charges. The decisions should be given to one's attorney *before* the case goes into litigation so he may prepare to meet the issues should they arise.—Prov. 22:3.

● The Society is now producing the *Watchtower* magazine monthly in the Bulgarian language. Subscriptions are being accepted and congregations may place distributors' orders for this edition.

● New Publications Available:

Good News—to Make You Happy —Armenian
Our Incoming World Government—God's Kingdom —Turkish

● New cassette recording available:
The Good News According to Mark (set of two cassette tapes) —French
(Congregation and public: $3; pioneers: $2.50)

● The book *Life Everlasting—In Freedom of the Sons of God* in English is available again. Those who would like a copy for themselves or their Bible students may order these through their congregation. We do not recommend that congregations order a large stock of these books, but order only as copies are requested by publishers and pioneers.

● The Society is beginning to convert the subscription operation to a computerized system. To provide you with more time to renew your subscriptions and thus avoid missing any copies, the Renewal Form in the magazine will appear earlier than it has in the past. Also the Expiring Subscription slips will be sent to the congregations earlier. By promptly returning the subscription renewals to the Society's Wallkill address you will ensure uninterrupted delivery of the magazines.

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	496	130.4	105.0	53.6	5.2
Pios.	18,816	88.4	70.3	35.2	3.7
Aux. Pios.	41,887	58.9	53.4	18.9	1.4
Pubs.	506,217	9.0	9.2	3.8	.4
TOTAL	567,416				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,867

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

July 5: Pages 212 to 220*
July 12: Pages 220* to 227
July 19: Pages 228 to 235
July 26: Pages 236 to 242†

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* To or from subheading.
† Include last paragraph on page.

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 3-9

How do you offer current magazines:

1. When regular offer is refused?
2. When householder is too busy to discuss Topic?
3. On magazine day?

AUGUST 10-16

When offering "Bible Stories" book, how do you:

1. Introduce Topic for Conversation?
2. Make transition between scriptures?
3. Make transition to literature offer?

AUGUST 17-23

How do you respond when householder says:

1. We get a church magazine?
2. I do not have time to read them?
3. We are of another religion?

AUGUST 24-30

How would you follow up "Bible Stories" placement if:

1. Youngster took book?
2. Parents took book for children?
3. Book taken by elderly person?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Blessings of "New Earth."
2 Pet. 3:13—A promise from God.
Rev. 21:1a, 3, 4—What it will mean.

OUTSTANDING MEMORIAL REPORT

At the past Memorial celebration on April 19, the attendance in the U.S. totaled 1,463,070, an all-time peak. This is 101,458 more than the year before. There were 4,204 partakers compared to 4,237 in 1980. In this report we have a strong indication of the need to continue helping thousands of persons to become disciples of Jesus Christ and loyal proclaimers of God's kingdom.

Things of Serious Concern

1 At Philippians 4:8 Paul says that we should 'continue considering whatever things are of serious concern.' And at Philippians 1:10 he encourages us to "make sure of the more important things." He not only meant that we should *think* about or *ponder* these serious and important matters, but had in mind that thereafter we would *carry them out* or *put them into practice.* (vs. 9) This would be in harmony with James' counsel to "become doers of the word, and not hearers only." (Jas. 1:22) What are some things we should regard as being of "serious concern"?

CONCERN FOR FIELD SERVICE

2 Do you not agree that scheduling time to be in the field service with others is a matter of serious concern? (Mark 13:10) For many, weekends are about the only time they have for field service, and for many elders and ministerial servants, it is about the only time available to be with the publishers. The trend in the world is to spend entire weekends in recreation. But was that the self-sacrificing course of our Model and Exemplar, Christ Jesus? Is it the course of moderation? Recreation in moderation does provide certain benefits, but balance is required so as to provide maximum benefits and avoid harmful results. It is spiritually weakening to get away from "the more important things."

3 Walking from door to door usually produces benefits similar to recreation. There is exercise and a change of pace. There is association with family members and other publishers who need encouragement and training. Precious Scriptural truths are impressed on the mind. Others are given the opportunity to hear the good news and a warning of God's vengeance. Satisfying memories remain to provide peace of mind for days thereafter. "My food is for me to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his *work,*" said Jesus. His mind was on the more important things. (John 4:34) John, too, had things of serious concern in mind when he said: "He that does the will of God remains forever."—1 John 2:17.

ASSOCIATION AND STUDY

4 Good association is also a matter of serious concern. After mentioning those he found to be good association, Paul said: "Only these are my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and these very ones have become a strengthening aid to me." (Col. 4:11) Surely

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A Good Time to Pioneer

1 The fulfillment of Matthew 24:14 takes place during the "short period of time" before Satan is abyssed. (Rev. 12:12) That means we also have a *short period of time* in which to preach the Kingdom message before the end of this system comes. No doubt you have made the decision to share in that work. At Ecclesiastes 3:7 the wise man said there is "a time to speak." *That time is now!* But have you come to grips with the question of *how much time* to spend doing so? That is a decision that could deeply affect your life and the lives of others—your life, because Jehovah is pleased when you render whole-souled service—the lives of others, because "the harvest is great, but the workers are few."—Matt. 9:37.

SHOULD I PIONEER?

2 Must you be a pioneer in order to be whole-souled in your service? That depends. Whole-souled service means you are doing *all* you can in God's service. It is obvious that the circumstances of many would not permit them to pioneer. There are Scriptural responsibilities that must take priority over full-time service. So the decision to use your time in the pioneer work, or not to do so, is a decision that only you can make.—Gal. 6:5.

3 Many reach a point in their lives where their circumstances would allow for full-time service. This was true in the case of Jesus, was it not? When he reached the age of 30 the time had come for him to commence the special work assigned to him by his Father. He did not hesitate. (Luke 3:23) Just think of how much he accomplished during the next three and a half years in full-time service as compared to the 30 years prior to that. The Bible takes only a few lines to describe events during those first 30 years. But the account of his three and a half years of full-time preaching fills almost four of the books of the Bible and yet John says: "There are, in fact, many other things also which Jesus did, *which, if* ever they were written in full detail, I suppose the world itself could not contain the scrolls written."—John 21:25.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 2

Song 63

8 min: Local announcements. Have capable brother, possibly service overseer, discuss how we should make August a fine month of field service as a fitting conclusion to the service year. Offer practical suggestions on things we might do to accomplish this.

16 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the Topic for Conversation." Audience discussion. Reason with audience on importance of teaching at the door. Better to help householder reach a conclusion on his own than to tell him. Ask audience to comment on this. At appropriate point have new Topic for Conversation demonstrated. Publisher draws out householder, helping him to reason on points.

12 min: "God's Word Is Alive." Talk. Each 15th-of-the-month issue of *The Watchtower* now carries an interesting article entitled "God's Word Is Alive." (Heb. 4:12) Review titles and pertinent points from recent *Watchtowers* such as 6/15, 7/15. Designed to help us combat apathy on part of householders. Helpful pictures practically tell the story in many issues and are especially useful when talking to young persons. Have you featured these articles in your presentations? (Demonstrate prepared presentation highlighting this article in August 15 *Watchtower*.) Article can be used either in magazine work or when presenting offer for month. If householder accepts and reads magazines, it gives God's Word a chance to exert power in his life. (1 Thess. 2:13) Some introductory points can be drawn from *Watchtower* 7/15/74, pages 444-446. Conclude with encouragement to support weekend field service arrangements. This coming Saturday is second Saturday, magazine day.

9 min: Literature Price Changes. Discuss with audience. Help all to understand when they should start placing magazines at 15c each.

Song 15 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 9

Song 71

10 min: Local announcements. Include "Coming Circuit Assembly Program." Accounts report.

20 min: "A Good Time to Pioneer." Questions and answers. Also interview one or two pioneers, as time permits. (If no regular or special pioneers, interview auxiliary pioneers or those who have pioneered in the past.) What adjustments did they have to make in order to make pioneering possible? What did they give up to make room for full-time service? What blessings have they experienced in full-time service? Is it a full and satisfying life?

15 min: "A Book That Is Helping People." Assigned publishers, including some children, relate experiences from *The Watchtower*, 4/1/81, pages 27, 28. Other experiences by those in congregation can be given, as time permits. What are some opportunities for placing the *Bible Stories* book this month in addition to offering it from house to house? Conclude with warm encouragement to support field service on weekend.

Song 20 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 16

Song 70

5 min: Local announcements and discuss appropriate points from Announcements in *Our Kingdom Service*.

15 min: "Things of Serious Concern." (Phil. 4:8) Talk by an elder. Draw out some comments from various ones on how and when they schedule time for field service, personal study, association with the friends and recreation. Show the need for proper balance in order to lead a life with full godly devotion under present system.

15 min: "Contributing Toward an Accurate Report." Audience discussion. Give congregation's report for July when discussing paragraph three and give commendation.

10 min: Elders may arrange locally, or, if needed, the secretary may use this time to discuss any problems in connection with reporting locally. Keep the discussion positive and commend where appropriate. Include field service arrangements. How is congregation doing in making August a fine field service month to end the service year?

Song 54 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 23

(The program you normally would have had the week you attend[ed] the district convention may be used this week.)

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 30

Song 61

Local announcements. This entire program should be used to review the highlights of the "Kingdom Loyalty" District Convention. Bring in a few experiences some had as a result of sharing in field service at convention city. If the elders wish to switch this program with one nearer to a date following the convention attended by your congregation, they may do so. If possible, families, individuals or book study groups may be assigned ahead of time to cover certain days or sessions of the convention. The friends should be encouraged to bring their convention notes with them to this meeting.

Song 50 and prayer.

Serious Concern (*Cont'd*)

Paul did not have in mind being with these fellow workers in large, late evening parties where partaking of food and drink immoderately would be easy and supervision difficult. Getting together with a few others, possibly in the home with family members present, usually produces superior results in upbuilding discussions and interchanges of encouragement. In such an atmosphere, wholesome conversation and experiences replace loud, distasteful music. Children can be included and Christian personalities molded. This can contribute to effective and zealous field service the next morning, whereas late partying in large groups usually discourages it.

5 Personal study is another matter of serious concern today. For most of us, finding time for this is not easy but requires following Paul's advice at Ephesians 5:15, 16: "Keep strict watch that how you walk is not as unwise but as wise persons, buying out the opportune time for yourselves, because the days are wicked." Are you willing to pay the price? Television viewing may be one place where time could be 'bought out.' It means weighing out what is 'the more important thing.' Television viewing can at times be relaxing and even educational, but reading the Bible and the Society's literature can be more so, and in a spiritually superior way.—Compare Romans 8:5, 6.

6 The psalmist said: "To do your will, O my God, I have delighted." (Ps. 40:8) Caring first for the more important things is a delight for genuine Christians. Yes, working hard at the truly important things, Kingdom interests, brings true satisfaction and joy.

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Contributing Toward an Accurate Report

PART I

1 Why do we all like to hear good reports? Because they are refreshing and encouraging. "As cold water upon a tired soul, so is a good report from a distant land," said the wise writer of Proverbs.—Prov. 25:25.

2 Even a fishing trip calls for an accurate report. Is it not true that when a person returns from fishing, he must satisfy the curiosity of all who see him? None are content to hear the fisherman say, 'Oh, yes, I caught *some*.' You know what the next question might be. And how encouraging if the number is high! Peter and his companions were somewhat discouraged when they had to report to Jesus that they had caught nothing after fishing all night. But how excited they were when Jesus told them to cast the net on the other side of the boat and they hauled in 153 big fishes! (John 21:11) Note the account does not say they caught *some* or even *many*. Rather, it gives an *accurate report of 153 big fishes*. Even the size of the fish was reported! How encouraged Peter and his companions were!

3 But if that is encouraging, how much more so to hear a good report about our brothers, what they are doing and the results they are getting! What if *Our Kingdom Service* would tell us each month that *some* were out in field service during past months and they spent a number of hours at it and placed *some* literature, and so forth? We would hardly get excited. Rather, we are encouraged as we see the fine results of our combined efforts from month to month in the Service Report of each issue. For example, do you know what the very first field service report for the United States showed as far as congregation publishers are concerned? It showed there were 8,052 "class workers" out in service, along with 350 pioneers. That was back in 1920. Compare that with the field service report in this issue of *Our Kingdom Service* and see if you are not encouraged.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

4 However, it is important not only that we each report what we have done each month, but also that the report is *accurate*. How can we be sure that it will be accurate? In this regard it would be good for each Kingdom publisher to review the guidelines set down in the *Organization* book on pages 126 and 127. It would not be appropriate for traveling overseers, elders or anyone else to set down rules or regulations about counting or reporting field service activity beyond what has been published by the Society. The Society is interested in knowing how much time is spent in proclaiming God's truths to those who are *not* dedicated, baptized Witnesses. So time spent in shepherding or other calls made on those who are not strong spiritually and those who have not associated for some time should not be counted if the individual is a baptized Witness. It is a labor of love. The only exception would be where a newly baptized person has not finished studying two of the Society's publications.

Announcements

- Literature offer for August: *My Book of Bible Stories* on a contribution of $2.50, or, if not available, use any 192-page book on a contribution of 60c. September: Same as August except that 192-page book will be 75c. October and November: Subscription for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!*, or for both magazines on a contribution of $3.50 for each subscription.

- As soon as the August report is compiled, the form (S-10) for supplying the Society with the activity of the congregation should be completed and sent promptly to the Society. Be sure to double-check all the information for accuracy. Keep the duplicate in the congregation file.

- Pioneer report cards for use during the coming year are being sent under separate cover and should arrive in September.

- Congregation secretary should complete and send the Pioneer Information Report (S-207) to the Society as soon as he has received the August service reports from the pioneers. This must be sent in even if there are no pioneers in the congregation. Keep duplicate in congregation file.

- New Publications Available:
  Watch Tower Publications Index for 1978 —Italian

- Each congregation will receive three Literature Inventory forms and should take an actual count of campaign literature and controlled-stock items. Please fill out the forms completely and send the original to us no later than September 6. Keep the carbon copy for your files. We are sending a third copy to be used as a work sheet.

- The Society now has available the following booklets in Braille:
  The Path of Divine Truth Leading to Liberation —grade-two English Braille
  There Is Much More to Life! —grade-one French Braille

These one-volume publications may be obtained on a loan basis or purchased and kept permanently. A remittance of $1.00 should accompany all orders if purchased. Orders for Braille items should be sent to the Society's BRAILLE DESK and not included on regular congregation literature orders. Braille publications should not be stocked by the congregation.

Time to Pioneer (*Cont'd*)

4 Here is the model, the example, for all true Christians to follow. As we develop spiritually, we want to pattern our lives after this one. We never want to be like those about whom Jesus spoke when he said: "My word makes no progress among you." (John 8:37) Has his "word" made progress in you to the point where you *want* to imitate him in the full-time preaching work? The apostle Paul, himself a full-time preacher, reached that point. He felt so strongly about his responsibilities that he said: "Woe is me if I did not declare the good news!"—1 Cor. 9:16.

WHAT ARE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES?

5 We can all reach that point in our spiritual development where we *want* to pioneer. Yes, we can all have the pioneer spirit, even though circumstances may prevent many from actually being in that service. Perhaps you have recently finished your schooling or are about to do so. Have you noted what is stated in the *Organization* book under the subject "Regular Pioneer Service"? On page 136 it says: "Every young person ought to give serious consideration to this field of service. When he completes his years of required secular education, what is he going to do with his life?" In answer to that question it goes on to show that in the case of one who is dedicated and is baptized "there should be no doubt."

6 Are you retired from secular work or financially independent? Are you a housewife whose responsibilities are such that you could care for them and also pioneer or auxiliary pioneer? The *Organization* book goes on to say on page 136: "Pioneer service is not limited to any certain age-group. The pioneer ranks include young and old, single and married, the physically strong and some who have limited resources of health.

7 September 1, 1981, will be the first day of the 1982 service year. Is that a good time for you to start pioneering? Some publishers take up the pioneer work for at least a year to see if they can do it. Many of these will find that they want to continue year after year. Yes, many of us make decisions every day. But there are few decisions that one could make that would bring more happiness or lasting benefits than the decision to pioneer. One wiser than Solomon has told us there is a time to speak. Now is a good time to pioneer for those whose circumstances permit.—Matt. 24:14.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the Topic for Conversation

[1] If people are to respond to God's promises, the real meaning of those promises should be easily understood. We can aid them in understanding when we ourselves clearly grasp what the Scriptures mean and make the explanation simple to them. It means that we must be prepared to reason with them on Bible texts. (Acts 17:2, 3) To do so, we can carefully prepare simple questions, based on certain key words in the text itself, that will help them grasp the meaning. For example, we could tell the householder that the "new earth" means a righteous human society, but it is much more effective if we use simple questions that will enable him to reach this conclusion in his own mind. We should be prepared to isolate the thought-conveying words in the verse, and then phrase simple questions that will stimulate thinking on the part of the householder. (See *sg*, page 129.) We must be ready to answer the questions ourselves, if necessary, so as to avoid embarrassing anyone. Let us consider how this might be done, using the text at 2 Peter 3:13.

[2] After an appropriate introduction we could say: "Truly there are conditions existing today that cause us to be very concerned about the future, are there not? [Give opportunity to answer and give examples.] Do you think that conditions will ever improve and that people will be able to live on earth in peace and security? [Allow answer.] Notice this promise of better things as set forth in the Bible at 2 Peter 3:13. [Read, then discuss text.] God promises a 'new earth.' What do you think God means by a 'new earth'? Does it mean he will create another planet, new ground under our feet, and call it a 'new earth'? Do we need new ground, mountains, lakes and trees? Notice, the verse says 'righteousness is to dwell' in the 'new earth.' Righteousness is the quality that must be manifested by people doing the right thing, so the 'new earth' obviously refers to renewed or righteous people who will live in peace and unity with their neighbors. We really do not need a new globe. We need changed people." If you are limiting your presentation to a simple, one-scripture discussion, you could conclude at this point by turning to Story 115 in *My Book of Bible Stories* and share the picture of what conditions will be like in the "new earth." Offer the book.

[3] Some may want to proceed further with the discussion. Depending upon the response, you could go on to discuss other aspects of the same verse. Call to the attention of the householder that "his promise" also includes a "new heavens." You could ask: "Do we need a new sky or universe?" (Allow householder to comment.) Point out again in text that "righteousness is to dwell" there too, so it must refer to righteous, heavenly rulers who will beautify earth and uplift human society. You can point out that "ungodly men" who make up "the heavens and earth that are now" will be done away with, destroyed. —2 Pet. 3:7.

[4] If time permits, you can show the changes that are to take place, according to Revelation 21:3, 4 or Isaiah 65:17, 22, 23. In making your transition go to Story 115 and discuss paragraph two and the illustration.

[5] We do want people to listen and respond. All of this takes thorough preparation, but it is worth it.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

August 2: Pages 243 to 252*
August 9: Pages 252* to 262*
August 16: Pages 262* to 269*
August 23: Pages 269* to 278*
August 30: Pages 278* to 283

* To or from subheading.

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	501	129.1	106.2	50.8	5.2
Pios.	18,581	82.3	66.1	31.8	3.5
Aux. Pios.	24,674	62.8	52.0	19.0	1.6
Pubs.	518,678	8.6	9.2	3.8	.4
TOTAL	562,434				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,265

Coming Circuit Assembly Program

We all look forward to the new circuit assembly programs that the Society arranges for us twice a year. They always provide just what we need in order to face current problems and situations. The new program that begins in September will surely be no exception. Do not miss it.

To help us appreciate our place in the theocratic arrangement of things and avoid the course of independence pursued by the world, the program will develop the theme "Subjecting Ourselves to God." It should strengthen our determination to thus subject ourselves and deepen our appreciation for the many blessings and privileges that result therefrom. Be sure to attend with your brothers when your circuit assembly is scheduled.

LITERATURE PRICE CHANGES

All of us are aware of the constantly rising costs for food and materials of all kinds. We continue to experience cost increases in paper and other products we purchase for the publishing of books, booklets, magazines, and so forth. Also, postage and shipping costs are constantly rising. There is little else we can do at this time than increase the cost of the publications so as to be able to continue printing Bibles, Bible literature and other materials that are vital to Jehovah's people and the many new ones associating with us at our Kingdom Halls and in our Bible study activity.

Therefore, beginning September 1, 1981, we will have to put into effect some price changes. We outline herewith some of the items where changes are being made. When ordering and then placing the publications with the pioneers, congregation publishers and the public, you can have such price changes in mind.

Publication	Pio.	Cong. and Public
The Watchtower and *Awake!* One-Year Subscription		
(semimonthly)	$1.75	$3.50
(monthly)	1.00	2.00
Distributor's Copies	.05	.15
JW Brochure	.05	.15
384-page Book	.25	1.00
192-page Book	.25	.75
"All Scripture Is Inspired . . ."	.75	2.00
Bible No. 10, 11 and *Interlinear*	1.50	3.00
Deluxe Bible No. 12	3.00	6.00
WT Index 30-60, 61-65, 66-70, 71-75, 76-80	1.00	2.00
WT Index (Annual)	.40	.40
Cassette Tapes		
(single)	1.75	2.00
(double)	2.50	3.00

After we receive your September 1 Literature Inventory form (S-18), we will charge your literature account an amount equal to the increase in the value of your stock of literature on hand. This charge should appear on your November statement. It will not create a deficit because it is equaled by the increased value of the literature on hand. When you fill out the September 1 Literature Inventory form, please bear in mind that you should figure your literature at the rates listed on the form in order to determine the true standing of your literature account at the end of the service year. Please do not write in changes or alter the form in any way.

The price of magazines will increase from 10c to 15c each, beginning with the September issues. In August when you receive the September 1 and September 8 issues, you should begin charging magazines at 15c each. When you request pioneer credit on the Remittance and Credit Request form for magazines obtained in August, please list the number of magazines dated in August separate from the number of magazines dated in September. Print the month clearly next to each amount in the space provided for requesting pioneer credit.

In figuring the standing of your magazine account on the September 1 inventory form, remember to figure the value of August issues at 10c and September at 15c as that is the way they are being charged on your account.

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 31–SEPTEMBER 6
When offering "Bible Stories" book:

1. What do you feature?
2. How could you use the scripture citations?
3. What can you say when householder has no children?

SEPTEMBER 7-13
When using magazines:

1. How do you adjust your presentation to different kinds of people?
2. What specific ideas are you stressing?
3. How can you use a scripture in the article featured?

SEPTEMBER 14-20
What do you say:

1. When the householder is busy?
2. When the person is antagonistic?
3. When a youth answers the door?

SEPTEMBER 21-27
What are you going to feature in:

1. The current "Awake!" magazine?
2. The current "Watchtower" magazine?
3. Your introductory remarks?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

September 6: Pages 284 to 292
September 13: Pages 293 to 300†
September 20: Pages 301 to 308*
September 27: Pages 308* to 316*

* To or from subheading.
† Include last paragraph on page.

Cultivating the Spirit of Self-Sacrifice

[1] The apostle Paul encouraged his fellow servants to 'present their bodies as a sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, a sacred service with their power of reason.' (Rom. 12:1) Paul willingly sacrificed himself and was richly rewarded for his sacred service. When we sacrifice our personal pursuits in behalf of Kingdom interests, we too can be confident of Jehovah's blessing. —Mal. 3:10; Acts 20:20.

[2] Servants of Jehovah have always demonstrated the spirit of self-sacrifice in their lives. Imagine for a moment the sacrifices Noah must have made expending his life's energies building an ark large enough to preserve himself, his close family and the animals through the flood! And while doing that great work, his self-sacrificing course included service as "a preacher of righteousness." —2 Pet. 2:5.

[3] Consider the personal sacrifice of Abraham. At God's command Abraham left his home at 75 years of age to become a temporary resident in a foreign land. (Heb. 11:8-10) It is also encouraging to recall the self-sacrificing spirit of men like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel who had difficult territory assignments. (Ezek. 2:4, 7) Yet all these served unselfishly year after year, confident of Jehovah's blessing. Likewise today, Jehovah's servants make adjustments in their lives in order to share as fully as possible in the preaching work, whether in some faraway place or nearby.

[4] Since this month begins the new service year, it is a good time to reflect on the fine results from the sacrifices we have made thus far and determine what we hope to accomplish during the 1982 service year. Usually it is helpful to set personal goals. For example, would it be possible for you to auxiliary pioneer one or more months this year? Have you been thinking about entering the regular pioneer service? Perhaps by making the necessary sacrifices, this could soon be possible for you. Or, have you been planning on regularly spending more time in field service? If so, *now* is the time to put your plans into operation!—Eph. 5:15-17.

WHAT GOOD HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?

[5] As you look back on what you individually have accomplished, you should be able to see where good progress has been made. For example, has your knowledge of God's Word deepened? Are you cultivating your

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Training Children in the Way of Life

[1] Obedience to God's requirements leads to life—disobedience to his law leads to sure disappointment and death. This simple but powerful lesson we learn from the experience of Adam and Eve. By continued obedience they could have lived forever, yet they chose to disobey God and died as a result. All Christian parents should ask themselves: What am I teaching my children? Are they learning the rewards of obedience and the consequences of disobedience? Are they learning to love Jehovah from their hearts? What are they learning from my example?

DISCIPLINE MUST BE CONSISTENT

[2] To teach obedience it is good for you who are parents to set up reasonable yet clear-cut rules to guide the conduct of your children. Let them see your own example in obeying rules. Warn them about breaking rules—that it leads to sure punishment. Be swift about keeping your word; do not nag, yell or be inconsistent. (Eph. 6:4) Both parents should agree on rules of discipline; both should enforce them to retain the respect of the child. When parents administer loving discipline, children learn that punishment is the penalty for intentional wrongdoing. But they also learn that obedience brings pleasure by means of commendation and rewards. (Eph. 6:1-3; Heb. 11:6) If your children learn while young that they will most certainly 'reap what they sow' you will save them from many disappointments and possible death. —Gal. 6:7; Prov. 23:13, 14.

[3] Obedience involves *listening*. Do you teach your children to listen? Are they *required* to attend meetings? Also, are they *expected* to pay attention? Some parents train their children to listen at home. They set aside a regular time to read to their children. During this time youngsters are required to sit still and pay attention. If this is done patiently,

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

Song 11

10 min: Local announcements. Enthusiastic invitation to all, especially the youth, to share in second Saturday of month magazine work. One or two brief demonstrations of young publishers presenting magazines using current *Watchtower* article, "Can You Talk with the Dead?" in the series "God's Word Is Alive."

10 min: Review offer for September, using *My Book of Bible Stories.* If time permits, an experience in presenting this offer may be related.

15 min: "Seize the Opportunity to Defend Our Faith!" To be handled by the service overseer. Demonstrate how parent might approach the teacher of his or her child with September 22, 1981, *Awake!* As time permits, consider how to contact personally principals, members of school boards and agencies concerned with education and public schools that are located in congregation's territory. May express concern over what child is learning about the origin of life. Respectfully refer to points in article.

10 min: Discuss with audience talking points on September 15, 1981, *Watchtower* and September 22, 1981, *Awake!* that may be used in house-to-house and street work. Emphasize need of being well-prepared by getting the *ideas* we want to present clearly in mind. Then it will be easy to convey these *ideas* to others. For example, the September 15 *Watchtower* considers ideas on the questions "When God Speaks, Do You Listen?" and "Does God Really Speak Today?" Use these to capture the interest of the householder.

Song 91 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 13

Song 112

10 min: Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Service,* local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Cultivating the Spirit of Self-Sacrifice." Question-and-answer discussion of article. As time permits, when considering paragraphs may have additional experiences on blessings of adjusting affairs to share in first Sunday and second and fourth Saturday witnessing.

13 min: How Youths Share Good News in School. (If more appropriate, How Good News Can Be Shared at Work.) How can *being different* lead to sharing the good news at school? What are some of the ways we are different? How could *taking Bible study aids to school* help us to share the good news? What *topics discussed in the classroom* could lead to a Bible discussion? (Chairman should seek out local experiences among youths who have had success in school witnessing or he can have young ones relate or enact experiences from publications. See 4/1/79 *w,* pp. 18, 19; 7/15/75 *w,* pp. 442, 443; and so forth.)

7 min: Service arrangements, including encouragement for adults to work with youths this weekend.

Song 109 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 20

Song 81

8 min: Local announcements. Encourage full support for magazine activity this Saturday.

15 min: "Training Children in the Way of Life." Talk and audience discussion. May have parents who have had good success in training children offer suggestions prepared in advance.

12 min: Local needs, or give talk on article "Missionary Zeal—A Mark of True Christians" in the September 1, 1981, *Watchtower.*

10 min: Theocratic News. Also discuss congregation's August field service report. What potential is there for growth locally? Are Memorial attenders still being helped? Encourage field service this weekend.

Song 60 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 27

Song 76

5 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in field ministry on first Sunday of month.

15 min: Magazine day experiences. Also experiences from second and fourth Saturday and first Sunday of the month field service activities. Include experiences enjoyed in connection with special activity involving the September 22, 1981, *Awake!*

13 min: "Presenting the Good News—With *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*" Questions and answers. Have demonstration of older publisher helping youth prepare meaningful presentation.

12 min: "Contributing Toward an Accurate Report—Part II." Discussion with audience. Elder handling this part should apply material to needs locally. Commend brothers for their fine efforts in the ministry. Help all to appreciate importance of regularly reporting their field service activity each month.

Song 62 and prayer.

Self-Sacrifice *(Cont'd)*

relationship with him by regularly giving thanks to Jehovah, seeking his help in prayer? Are you showing greater appreciation for meetings by your regular attendance and good preparation? Do you comment regularly, thus building up others? Have you been spending more time in field service when your circumstances allow? Or have you in various ways been able to improve the quality of your ministry? If you have been able to accomplish one or more of these things, you have good reason to be happy.

[6] We have received some fine experiences from those who have begun to share regularly in the magazine work on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The elders in one congregation noted that the first month this arrangement was instituted, the congregation placed over 1,000 magazines, whereas previously they averaged only 550 to 600.

[7] One pioneer who did not normally engage in field service on Sunday adjusted her schedule so she could go out the first Sunday of the month. Her very first Sunday she placed two books and started two Bible studies with individuals who worked during the week and could study only on Sunday. Jehovah richly blessed her self-sacrificing effort.

EXPANDED SERVICE

[8] Do you recall the fine suggestions in the May 1981 issue of *Our Kingdom Service* relative to magazine routes? Those who have applied these suggestions have been blessed, as have been those who are regularly receiving the fine message the magazines contain. Truly, the time, effort and any sacrifices involved bring rich rewards!

[9] There are other ways we manifest the spirit of self-sacrifice. If we are used to spending only one hour in field activity, would our circumstances allow us to stay out in service an additional half hour or more? There is joy in accom-

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Seize the Opportunity to Defend Our Faith!

[1] The congregation of God is "a pillar and support of the truth." (1 Tim. 3:15) As individual members of the congregation, are we doing our part in upholding and supporting the truth? A splendid opportunity currently exists for Jehovah's Witnesses to make known to millions of persons the truth about creation, as opposed to evolution. Why is this an especially favorable time? 1) As never before, the evolution theory is being strongly disputed. 2) As many students return to their classrooms, pressure is building up on educators to present "the other side," that is, information about creation. 3) The September 22, 1981, issue of *Awake!* is specially designed to present the facts in a clear manner, pointing to the Bible's truthful account of creation.

[2] To take advantage of this unique opportunity, all are encouraged to put forth an extra effort to distribute this special issue of *Awake!* Members of local school boards, principals and teachers should be made aware of this valuable and useful information. State legislators can be contacted. Copies can be presented to federal or state agencies within your territory that concern themselves with education and public schools. If you wish to share in the above aspects of this campaign, please talk to your service overseer who will be coordinating the work.

[3] Youths of school age have a very special opportunity to show their personal concern for supporting the truth. They can courageously present their teachers with this issue of *Awake!* Perhaps some will be allowed the opportunity to give a report in class on the subject. Or, they may arrange for a capable brother to give a talk to their class about the Bible's account of how life came to be. Not to be forgotten are the parents we meet from door to door, on the streets or informally. Many of them are concerned about what their children are learning in school.

[4] Do not allow this opportunity to slip away. (Eph. 5:15, 16) Be ready to "make a defense" with the aid of the September 22 *Awake!* (1 Pet. 3:15) Unitedly, let us make known our position by publicly supporting the Bible's account of creation.—Rom. 1:20.

Contributing Toward an Accurate Report

Part II

[1] Counting the time we spend in field service is important but it is not our primary objective. However, it is important to report our field service time accurately. Time spent getting ready for service, attending the meeting for service, and the travel time involved in getting from home to the territory, and so forth, is really not time spent in preaching and teaching, is it? It is understandable that after one gets into the territory and the preaching work has gotten under way, there will be time spent walking or traveling between homes and such can reasonably be counted as time in field service. While the conscience of each publisher is involved in counting time, each should be careful to maintain a *good* conscience in this regard.

HELP NEWER ONES TO BE ACCURATE

[2] Often it is noted that newer ones need help to understand how to report their activity accurately. If they conduct a Bible study several times during the month, they may wrongly report several Bible studies instead of just one. A Bible study conducted with an individual or a family should be counted as only one Bible study even though it may have been conducted three, four or more times during the month. However, a return visit should be counted for each time the study is conducted and the time should be counted. Some have also improperly reported several return visits because there may have been several interested persons present. However, it is the number of return *visits* that should be counted and not the number of persons visited.

[3] Accurate reporting is very helpful to the Society in determining which part of the country or the world may need help in getting the good news preached. It also gives a good picture of the work accomplished. And these reports, posted on the publisher's record card, help the elders locally in determining how best to assist individuals in the congregation.

[4] Paul could report that the good news in his day "was preached in all creation that is under heaven." How encouraging! By your zealous preaching and accurate reporting you are contributing to the same encouraging report in our day.—Col. 1:23; Matt. 24:14.

Announcements

● Literature offer for September: *My Book of Bible Stories* on a contribution of $2.50, or, if not available, use any 192-page book on a contribution of 75c. October and November: Subscription for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* or for both magazines on a contribution of $3.50 for each subscription. December: *New World Translation* and *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* Use older editions of the *New World Translation* first, along with new book on a contribution of $3.25. If older editions are out of stock, then use 1981 edition and new book on a contribution of $3.75.

● New Publications Available:

Holy Bible —Persian (Congregation, public and pioneer: $7.15)
New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (1981 edition with black cover) (Congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $1.50) —English
Choosing the Best Way of Life —Chinese, Greek
Happiness—How to Find It —Chinese, Portuguese
"Let Your Kingdom Come" —English, Spanish

● New cassette recordings available:

"Jehovah's Name to Be Declared in All the Earth" (Drama) (single cassette) —English
The Good News According to Luke (set of two cassettes) —English
The First of Peter through *The Letter of Jude* (single cassette) —English
A Revelation to John (single cassette) —English
Kingdom Melodies No. 2 (single cassette)
Kingdom Recordings Album (Holds 24 unboxed cassettes.) (Congregation and public: $5.50; pioneers: $4.50)
Album with complete Greek Scriptures (18 cassettes) (Congregation and public: $30.00; pioneers: $20.00) —English

● Please note that while the 1981 black-cover edition of the *New World Translation* is $3.00 for congregation and $1.50 for pioneers, older editions of the *New World Translation,* both regular green-cover and pocket editions, remain at $2.50 for congregation and public and $1.25 for pioneers.

● We are pleased to announce that a new *Cost List* has been prepared. Four copies are being sent to each congregation. The secretary should keep one copy; the other three should be given to the brothers caring for the literature, magazines and accounts.

● The congregation accounts should be audited on September 1, or as soon thereafter as possible, by the presiding overseer or someone appointed by him.

● The book *"Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie"* is available again in English. Those who would like copies for themselves or for their Bible students may order them through the congregation. We do not recommend that congregations order a large stock of these books, but order only as copies are requested by publishers and pioneers.

● Congregations will be charged at the rate of $7.00 per thousand for the tract

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JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	469	119.6	84.7	49.7	5.1
Pios.	18,807	78.9	52.1	29.7	3.3
Aux. Pios.	17,419	59.4	37.7	16.9	1.5
Pubs.	509,814	8.5	7.4	3.5	.4
TOTAL	546,509				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,910

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With "The Watchtower" and "Awake!"

1 We all know how much we personally have benefited from the abundance of fine material in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* For this reason we desire to do everything possible to assist those in our territory to benefit also from these two fine magazines on a regular basis.

2 How can we best use the magazines in our field service? First of all, there is need to schedule time to offer the magazines regularly, utilizing the second and fourth Saturdays particularly.

3 Having personal subscriptions will aid us in getting acquainted with each magazine before offering it in the field. In this way most of us will generally be able to read the latest issue before copies are picked up at the Kingdom Hall. Do you have a personal subscription? If not, why not give this your prompt consideration?

4 We know that good preparation is essential to make the best use of magazines in field service. In addition to reading the magazines before offering them to others, a selection can be made of specific points to use for brief presentations. What are some things to consider in preparation sessions? For one thing, we know there is a variety of people to whom we witness. So we are interested in what may appeal to younger ones, older ones, men, women, professional people, and so forth. Why not make notes in your personal copy of points to use, if that will help?

5 Elders and ministerial servants, as well as pioneers, can aid you in using the magazines effectively. You might be able to arrange to work along with them, or other capable publishers, in the service to get suggestions on various ways to present the magazines effectively. Those with more experience can show you how to adapt material to the householder's needs and interest, and which subjects may be of particular interest to certain ones, and so forth. (2 Tim. 2:2) Newer ones may want to give just a simple presentation. Others may want to widen out and work on the use of questions and other teaching aids.—See the *School Guidebook,* Study 10, for suggestions.

6 Younger ones particularly may need help to give meaningful presentations. Initially they may just want to say, "I have the latest *Watchtower* and *Awake!* and we place them for a contribution of 15c each." However, they should be helped progressively to add to their presentation, using a few words to call attention to a particular point or article.

7 While there is still time remaining, let us use *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* to accomplish our ministry fully, begging persons to become "reconciled to God." —2 Cor. 5:20.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ In April Hong Kong reached a peak of 892 publishers, with 43 percent sharing in some pioneer work. Trinidad had a new peak of 3,401 with 1,315 auxiliary pioneers, and a total of 42 percent sharing in pioneer work.

◆ Dominican Republic had a new peak of 6,725 publishers in May, with a new peak of 10,330 studies. While floods left 27,000 homeless in the country, no reports of material damage were received from the brothers.

◆ Brazil reached a new peak of 117,796 publishers in May with peaks in hours, magazines, return visits and studies. Memorial was attended by 343,930.

◆ El Salvador reported a peak of 8,761 sharing in service in May with a new peak of 13,096 studies being conducted.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

Kingdom News No. 30. Both publishers and pioneers may obtain their supply at the congregation literature counter at 35c per 50 copies. This tract is to be distributed free to the public.

Self-Sacrifice *(Cont'd)*

plishment and if we stay in service longer we will meet more interested persons and place more literature. Spending more time in the ministry will also serve to increase our effectiveness in the field. We may also show ourselves to be self-sacrificing by enjoying field service on the world's holidays, rather than spending the entire day in recreation or other personal activities.

10 In many ways the past service year was outstanding and this was due to Jehovah's blessing upon the self-sacrificing efforts of his servants. Let us now give careful thought to making further progress in our service to Jehovah during the 1982 service year. May we confidently look to Him for his blessing on our work.

Training Children *(Cont'd)*

in time the children will develop the capacity to listen and concentrate on the spoken word and will not be so easily distracted during meetings. Again, parents must set the example, not being easily distracted themselves or looking around each time there is a minor disturbance during meetings. Additionally, youths enjoy meetings when they are prepared to participate. If a young one participates, giving an answer or two in his own words, doubtless he will pay closer attention and feel more rewarded. Having children look up Bible texts cited by the speakers will keep them alert and will be good training as well.

4 Sometimes at meetings children become restless after an hour or so. They may turn around and try to get the attention of others. Or they may bring toys or other objects for their personal amusement and this results in distracting others. We must not forget that even the "little ones" in Israel were commanded to assemble to "listen" and "learn." (Deut. 31:12) In order to find an excuse to move around, children occasionally get into the habit of running to the restroom a number of times during the meeting, causing considerable disturbance to others. Yet these same children can play for hours at a time without experiencing any such problem. If parents insist that each of their children use the restroom *before* the meeting begins, there is usually no real need for them to disturb the meeting a short while later.

SET THEOCRATIC GOALS FOR CHILDREN

5 Training children in the way of life also means directing them from tender years on up toward a life of greatest service. Help them to see how they can be like Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah and others who devoted their lives to Jehovah's service. Open up to their vision the modern-day opportunities that lie before them in the service of God's kingdom. Impress on their minds the self-sacrificing example of Christ Jesus. Encourage them to pray regularly to Jehovah from their hearts. And, most of all, let them see your own good example—how you derive joy from wholehearted service to God. Then when your child expresses the desire to dedicate his life to Jehovah and symbolize this by water baptism, what joy you will have as a result of having helped him to make this decision.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Blessings of "New Earth."

2 Pet. 3:13—A promise from God.

Rev. 21:1a, 3, 4—What it will mean.

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 28–OCTOBER 4

Introductions

1. What have you found effective in introducing the Topic for Conversation?
2. Why is warmth and friendliness needed in our introductions?
3. Why is it good to keep our introductions brief?

OCTOBER 5-11

Presenting the magazines

1. What points from the magazines would appeal to you if you were the householder?
2. What article in current magazines ties in best with the Topic for Conversation?

OCTOBER 12-18

Keeping house-to-house records

1. Why should we keep a record of interested persons?
2. What points should we note on our record?
3. Why might not-at-homes be recorded separately?

OCTOBER 19-25

When making return visits why is it good to:

1. Remind person of previous discussion?
2. Show interesting point in current magazine?
3. Ask householder question for next visit?

OCTOBER 26–NOVEMBER 1

Using the Topic for Conversation

1. Review Topic.
2. How do you draw householder into conversation?
3. How do you tie the Topic in with offer?

Increase Praise Through Magazine Distribution

[1] How happy we are to receive each new issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Through these magazines we are kept up to date on world happenings in the light of Bible prophecy and we are helped to appreciate our privilege of praising Jehovah.—Dan. 12:4; Heb. 13:15.

[2] During this year, *Awake!* has supplied answers to such questions as "A Better Life—Just a Dream?" "World War III—Can Anybody Stop It?" and "Can Science Redesign Life?" *The Watchtower* has helped us to value our ministry, to go and make disciples, to appreciate the reality of the Kingdom, to be wise and conduct ourselves as lesser ones and to see how we can be hidden in the day of Jehovah's anger. Such information motivates us to want to get out and share this news with others, helping them also to become praisers of Jehovah.

[3] At our circuit assemblies held during the spring we had a fine part on the program entitled "Distribute the Timely Message in Our Magazines." We were reminded that from 1976 to 1979 the circulation of our magazines dropped considerably worldwide, but in 1980 it showed an increase. In the United States the peak of magazine placements was reached in 1976 when over 115,000,000 magazines were placed during the service year. Last year 74,000,000 were placed, which is some 40,000,000 magazines under our peak year. What can we as individuals do to have a greater share in distributing magazines?

WHAT TO FEATURE

[4] During October we will be offering to the public the opportunity to subscribe to either one or both of our magazines. If we think of how much benefit we derive from the magazines, no doubt we will be encouraged to offer the subscriptions. When people have both magazines coming regularly they have opportunities four times a month to read and learn information that is more valuable than any riches the world has to offer. (Prov. 2:4-6; 8:10, 11) Even if they have little or no interest in the Bible they might find *Awake!* a beneficial and instructive publication. Have you noticed how *Awake!* often includes a remark to get the reader's attention turned toward the Bible or encourages the reader to contact Jehovah's Witnesses? Of course, for those who are interested in the Bible, there is no magazine to compare with *The Watchtower*, the only magazine in the world devoted to announcing the "good news" of Jehovah's kingdom. —Mark 13:10.

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Benefiting from Our Service Overseer

[1] Are we not thankful for the "gifts in men" so kindly provided for the congregations of God's people throughout the earth in these last days? (Eph. 4:8) Among these gifts are the elders appointed by holy spirit to shepherd the congregation of God. One of the elders in each congregation is selected as service overseer. As in the first century, the various "gifts in men" care for different aspects of the work of the congregation. "He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelizers, some as shepherds and teachers, with a view to the readjustment [training] of the holy ones, for ministerial work."—Eph. 4:11, 12.

[2] We can be happy that one of these brothers has been specifically assigned to care for the evangelizing work in the congregation. All dedicated, baptized servants of Jehovah in these last days have been assigned a ministerial work to perform. We are ministers of God under command to preach "this good news of the kingdom." (Matt. 24:14) So, as in the first century, we have a qualified brother specifically assigned to aid us in the "ministerial work."

[3] How does he do this? There are several ways. (1) He keeps all of us conscious of the importance of the preaching and disciple-making work. (2) He is concerned that good leadership in the field is being provided in the various book study groups. (3) He is interested in seeing that each of us is given the personal help we need to improve our effectiveness as ministers. Even as in the first century, these "gifts in men" take a personal interest in each individual, "until we all attain . . . to the measure of stature that belongs to the fullness of the Christ; in order that we should no longer be babes." —Eph. 4:13, 14.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 4

Song 3

7 min: Applicable Announcements from *Our Kingdom Service,* also local announcements.

18 min: "Increase Praise Through Magazine Distribution." Question-and-answer discussion. Stress fact that the more times we offer subscriptions the more likelihood there is of obtaining subscriptions. The same is true with placing magazines; they spark interest in the message and on a return visit you may place the subscriptions. Conclude with experiences from distribution of September 22 *Awake!* on evolution.

15 min: Discuss with audience the following: (1) How can articles about the brotherhood of man in the October 8 *Awake!* be featured in your presentation? (2) To whom and how do you think it would be appropriate to feature the article on love based on passion ("God's Word Is Alive") in the October 15 *Watchtower*? (3) Other talking points from current magazines. (4) What article(s) in current magazines do you find most appropriate to tie in with Topic for Conversation? Demonstrate presentation on last point, proceeding from conclusion of current Topic for Conversation.

5 min: Encourage good support for magazine service this second Saturday of the month. If some in congregation have magazine routes, interview them as to how they got them started and the results. Encourage this activity, pointing out how interested ones can be built up spiritually each time we return to place the magazines. This can lead to fine discussions and to Bible studies.

Song 107 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 11

Song 21

8 min: Local announcements and field service arrangements. Accounts report.

15 min: "Benefiting from Our Service Overseer." Discuss material with the congregation by questions and answers. Emphasize need for good personal or family schedule for field activity. Good service habits contribute to spirituality. Encourage publishers desiring assistance in service or who cannot get to regular meetings for service to talk to study conductors and the service overseer to see if more help can be given.—2 Cor. 9:6.

15 min: Talk on 10/8/81 *Awake!* article "The Real Brotherhood of Man Today." Some audience participation in particularly highlighting scriptures would be good. Emphasize we have found the true religion, God's organization, and want to help others find it also.

7 min: How Are We Doing? Secretary to review previous month's service activity. Encourage brothers to have personal service goals toward which to work.

Song 113 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 18

Song 35

7 min: Local announcements. Encourage support of magazine service on fourth Saturday of the month. Highlight good talking points from current magazines.

15 min: Getting Enjoyment from Our Field Activity. Audience discussion on what contributes to enjoyable field service. We view householders as potential sheep. (Matt. 10:13) No need to be discouraged or upset because of opposition. Viewpoints change as in the case of Paul. (Acts 8:3; 9:1-22) Good to remember Proverbs 15:1. But opposition is usually the exception. We do not come to argue but to share good news. It helps to be a good listener. Work toward knowing what is in the mind of householder. Take time to listen. Be friendly even in the face of apathy. Have Topic for Conversation well in mind. We know the "sheep" will listen. (John 10:3) Ask congregation to relate what has given them enjoyment in service.

15 min: Review of Topic for Conversation with demonstration. Householder can present common objection on which Witness comments kindly, continuing with topic in way to draw householder into discussion. Ask audience if any have other suggestions on handling similar situation. In second demonstration, after householder refuses magazine offer, have Witness then present tract *Is Planet Earth Near the Brink?* Householder wishes he could know for sure. Witness points to Bible answer in tract, recommends reading it with Bible and offers to call back later to discuss additional points. Explains to chairman that next time he will review tract to stimulate further interest and offer new magazines. Hopes tract will help person to see crisis earth is facing just as Jesus foretold. Review with audience key points from tract. One can be placed with every householder.

8 min: Arrange interviews with any who are auxiliary pioneering during the month, or interview those taking lead in service during month as to what has been accomplished.

Song 37 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 25

Song 17

8 min: Local announcements. Discuss Proverbs 1:5. Encourage congregation to listen closely to get main points for review at close of meeting. As time permits, have publishers who have obtained subscriptions present experiences.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Returning to Visit New Subscribers." Consider material by question-and-answer coverage. Have demonstration of publisher calling back on person to make sure he is receiving magazines. Highlight appropriate article in November 1 *Watchtower* to encourage person to read it. Then give brief demonstration, using this material to show how we help people to study the Bible.

12 min: "Hearing God's Word Brings Benefits." Discuss material with audience and ask for expressions from congregation as to use of the cassette recordings by the brothers locally.

7 min: Review highlights of service meeting. Encourage all to have a share in making return visits sometime during the month, whether on subscribers, people who take magazines, or others showing interest. Remind brothers to bring May 15, 1981, *Watchtower* to service meeting next week. Comment on November literature offer and Topic for Conversation.

Song 44 and prayer.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	441	113.8	87.9	46.9	5.0
Pios.	18,499	76.6	55.7	29.5	3.3
Aux. Pios.	15,173	60.2	41.7	17.1	1.5
Pubs.	531,648	8.6	8.0	3.5	.4
TOTAL	565,761				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,576

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

October 4: Pages 316* to 323*
October 11: Pages 323* to 330†
October 18: Pages 331 to 337*
October 25: Pages 337* to 347*

* To or from subheading.
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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1982

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1982 the following will be the arrangement when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, The Watchtower* [*w*], *Awake!* [*g*], *Bible Topics for Discussion* [*td*], and the books *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*], *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook* [*sg*] and *My Book of Bible Stories* [*my*] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song and prayer and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder if possible, or, when necessary, by a qualified ministerial servant. When based on the *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*, this should be delivered as a 10-minute instruction talk followed by a five-minute oral review, using the questions provided at the end of each study. Since only part of a study is assigned each week, the brother handling this assignment should be careful to cover only the portion of the material that is assigned. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

When based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial,"* this assignment should be delivered as a 15-minute instruction talk, with no oral review following. Once again the objective is not just to summarize the material, but rather to focus attention on the practical value of the information, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation.

The brother handling Assignment No. 1 should be given private counsel, if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder assigned by him. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. To the extent possible include the audience in the discussion. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a male student. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks, and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read. The material may also be presented by a boy reading it to a qualified older brother who may then use questions to draw comments from the boy on the value of the material.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to a female student, including younger ones, whenever possible. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. Settings could include situations arising at home, in the field service, in the congregation or elsewhere. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned preferably to a male student with some experience. This should be a talk to the entire audience. While giving his talk from notes, the speaker, when he thinks it fitting, may read quotations or pointed excerpts from the assigned material. It will usually be best for the speaker to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind, so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable setting, the speaker may choose to develop his talk accordingly.

When assigned to a female student, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk the school overseer will give specific counsel, following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. In addition, comments on informative and practical points that the students may not have included in the presentation can help to keep the attention of all focused primarily on the Scriptural information presented. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk. It would be advisable for those giving talks to sit toward the front of the hall. This will help to save time, and also it will enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student.

PREPARING TALKS: Where the material makes it possible, talks should follow a well-developed theme. Choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material in the allotted time. Prepare all talks with the points in mind to be considered next on the Speech Counsel slip.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the school overseer. Talks Nos. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. If the school overseer assigns someone to give the "stop signal," that one should be advised as to the importance of doing this whenever the time is up. If a brother handling Assignment No. 1 goes overtime, he should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, not counting song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEWS: Periodically, a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper and, in reading off all the answers, the school overseer will concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be held a week later than what is shown on the schedule. This will also be true if the circuit assembly is scheduled during the week of the written review.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 75 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Rotate the students to the various halls. Where it is necessary, sisters may take any student talk, presenting it to someone else, as outlined for Talk No. 3.

ABSENTEES: The entire congregation can show appreciation for this school by being present, when possible, at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or, the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 3 Bible reading: Matthew 25 and 26

Song No. 65 "Displaying Loyalty"

No. 1: *sg* p. 5 ¶1 to p. 7 ¶9

No. 2: Matthew 25:31-46

No. 3: *my* story 76

No. 4: *w80* 7/1 pp. 3, 4

Jan. 10 Bible reading: Matthew 27 and 28

Song No. 7 "'Fear Them Not'!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 7 ¶10 to p. 9 ¶16

No. 2: Matthew 28:1-20

No. 3: *my* story 77

No. 4: *w80* 7/1 pp. 28-30

Jan. 17 Bible reading: Mark 1 to 4
Song No. 68 "Sowing Kingdom Seed"
No. 1: *si* p. 181 ¶1 to p. 186 ¶33
No. 2: Mark 4:1-20
No. 3: *my* story 78
No. 4: *w80* 7/15 pp. 4-6

Jan. 24 Bible reading: Mark 5 to 7
Song No. 95 "Let God Be Found True!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 9 ¶1 to p. 11 ¶12
No. 2: Mark 7:1-23
No. 3: *my* story 79
No. 4: *w80* 8/1 pp. 3, 4

Jan. 31 Bible reading: Mark 8 to 10
Song No. 106 "'Take My Yoke'!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 12 ¶13 to p. 13 ¶20
No. 2: Mark 9:30-50
No. 3: *my* story 80
No. 4: *w80* 8/1 pp. 28-30

Feb. 7 Bible reading: Mark 11 to 13
Song No. 40 "Good Cheer amid Earth's Darkness"
No. 1: *sg* p. 14 ¶1 to p. 17 ¶10
No. 2: Mark 12:28-44
No. 3: *td* 59A "Will We Ever Be Free from World Distress?"
No. 4: *g80* 1/22 pp. 13-15

Feb. 14 Bible reading: Mark 14 to 16
Song No. 21 "'Jehovah, Our Strength and Our Might'"
No. 1: *sg* p. 17 ¶11 to p. 19 ¶17
No. 2: Mark 15:1-15, 33-39
No. 3: *td* 59B "What Is the Significance of World Distress?"
No. 4: *g80* 2/8 pp. 3, 4

Feb. 21 Bible reading: Luke 1 and 2
Song No. 101 "Our Godly Joy"
No. 1: *si* p. 186 ¶1 to p. 192 ¶35
No. 2: Luke 2:1-20
No. 3: *td* 60B "When People Ask: 'Why Do You Repeatedly Call at My Door?'"
No. 4: *g80* 2/22 pp. 3, 4

Feb. 28 Written Review. Complete Matthew 25 to Luke 2
Song No. 25 "This Good News of the Kingdom Let Us Preach!"

Mar. 7 Bible reading: Luke 3 to 5
Song No. 57 "Sing Jehovah's Praise with Courage!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 19 ¶1 to p. 21 ¶9
No. 2: Luke 4:1-21
No. 3: *my* story 81
No. 4: *w80* 8/15 pp. 3-5

Mar. 14 Bible reading: Luke 6 to 8
Song No. 31 "Appreciating God's Reminders"
No. 1: *sg* p. 21 ¶10 to p. 24 ¶20
No. 2: Luke 6:17-36
No. 3: *my* story 82
No. 4: *w80* 9/1 pp. 5-7

Mar. 21 Bible reading: Luke 9 to 11
Song No. 118 "Christ Our Exemplar"
No. 1: *sg* p. 24 ¶1 to p. 26 ¶11
No. 2: Luke 10:1-20
No. 3: *my* story 83
No. 4: *w80* 9/1 pp. 12, 13

Mar. 28 Bible reading: Luke 12 to 14
Song No. 18 "Daily Walking with Jehovah"
No. 1: *sg* p. 27 ¶12 to p. 29 ¶20
No. 2: Luke 12:13-34
No. 3: *my* story 84
No. 4: *w80* 9/15 pp. 5-8

Week of April 4, 1982 Memorial

Apr. 11 Bible reading: Luke 15 to 18
Song No. 108 "Proof of Discipleship"
No. 1: *sg* p. 29 ¶1 to p. 31 ¶7
No. 2: Luke 16:1-15
No. 3: *td* 1A "Why Is Ancestor Worship in Vain?"
No. 4: *g80* 3/8 pp. 3, 4

Apr. 18 Bible reading: Luke 19 to 21
Song No. 17 "Be Strong in Faith!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 31 ¶8 to p. 33 ¶15
No. 2: Luke 21:12-36
No. 3: *td* 2B "What Will Be the Christian's Part in God's Final War?"
No. 4: *g80* 3/22 pp. 3, 4

Apr. 25 Written Review. Complete Luke 3 to 21
Song No. 102 "Worshiping on the 'Mountain of God's House'"

May 2 Bible reading: Luke 22 to 24
Song No. 32 "Let the Light Shine!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 33 ¶1 to p. 35 ¶9
No. 2: Luke 22:7-30
No. 3: *my* story 85
No. 4: *w80* 11/1 pp. 28-30

May 9 Bible reading: John 1 to 3
Song No. 46 "Hail Jehovah's Firstborn!"
No. 1: *si* p. 192 ¶1 to p. 198 ¶35
No. 2: John 3:1-21
No. 3: *my* story 86
No. 4: *w80* 10/1 pp. 14-17

May 16 Bible reading: John 4 to 6
Song No. 111 "'Rejoice in the Hope Ahead'"
No. 1: *sg* p. 36 ¶10 to p. 38 ¶17
No. 2: John 5:25-47
No. 3: *my* story 87
No. 4: *w80* 11/1 pp. 8-10

May 23 Bible reading: John 7 to 9
Song No. 67 "Our Possession of Peace"
No. 1: *sg* p. 39 ¶1 to p. 41 ¶11
No. 2: John 8:31-47
No. 3: *my* story 88
No. 4: *w80* 11/1 pp. 11, 12

May 30 Bible reading: John 10 to 12
Song No. 42 "The Prayer of God's Servant"
No. 1: *sg* p. 41 ¶12 to p. 43 ¶18
No. 2: John 10:1-21
No. 3: *my* story 89
No. 4: *w80* 11/1 pp. 22-24

June 6 Bible reading: John 13 to 15
Song No. 53 "The Resurrection Joy"
No. 1: *sg* p. 44 ¶1 to p. 46 ¶8
No. 2: John 14:1-21
No. 3: *td* 4F "For Whom Was the Bible Written?"
No. 4: *g80* 3/22 pp. 10-12

June 13 Bible reading: John 16 to 18
Song No. 6 "'Be Glad, You Nations'"
No. 1: *sg* p. 46 ¶9 to p. 48 ¶20
No. 2: John 17:6-26
No. 3: *td* 6A "How Do We Know the Gentile Times Ended in 1914?"
No. 4: *g80* 5/8 pp. 3, 4

June 20 Bible reading: John 19 to 21
Song No. 20 "The Scriptures—Inspired and Beneficial"
No. 1: *sg* p. 49 ¶1 to p. 51 ¶8
No. 2: John 21:1-17
No. 3: *td* 15B "Why Are Some Disfellowshiped from the Christian Congregation?"
No. 4: *g80* 5/8 pp. 16-19

June 27 Written Review. Complete Luke 22 to John 21
Song No. 91 "Contending for the Faith"

July 4 Bible reading: Acts 1 to 3
Song No. 61 "God's Loyal Love"
No. 1: *si* p. 198 ¶1 to p. 204 ¶40
No. 2: Acts 2:29-47
No. 3: *my* story 90
No. 4: *w81* 2/1 pp. 8-10

July 11 Bible reading: Acts 4 to 6
Song No. 79 "Pay Back God's Things to God!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 51 ¶9 to p. 53 ¶18
No. 2: Acts 5:27-42
No. 3: *my* story 91
No. 4: *w80* 11/15 pp. 5-7

July 18 Bible reading: Acts 7 to 9
Song No. 33 "Bravely Press On!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 54 ¶1 to p. 56 ¶8
No. 2: Acts 8:1-17
No. 3: *my* story 92
No. 4: *w80* 12/15 pp. 4-7

July 25 Bible reading: Acts 10 to 12
Song No. 49 "The Divine Pattern of Love"
No. 1: *sg* p. 56 ¶9 to p. 58 ¶16
No. 2: Acts 10:30-48
No. 3: *my* story 93
No. 4: *w81* 1/15 pp. 18, 19

Aug. 1 Bible reading: Acts 13 to 15
Song No. 19 "Our Paradise: Present and Future"
No. 1: *sg* p. 58 ¶1 to p. 61 ¶12
No. 2: Acts 15:1-21
No. 3: *td* 17B "How Do We Know that Paradise on Earth Will Be Restored?"
No. 4: *g80* 5/22 pp. 3, 4

Aug. 8 Bible reading: Acts 16 to 18
Song No. 71 "O Walk with God!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 61 ¶13 to p. 63 ¶18
No. 2: Acts 17:16-31
No. 3: *td* 20B "To Whom Is a Christian's First Responsibility?"
No. 4: *g80* 6/8 pp. 3, 4

Aug. 15 Bible reading: Acts 19 to 21
Song No. 10 "'From House to House'"
No. 1: *sg* p. 63 ¶1 to p. 66 ¶10
No. 2: Acts 20:17-35
No. 3: *td* 21C "Why Is Faith Without Works Dead?"
No. 4: *g80* 6/8 pp. 8-10

Aug. 22 Bible reading: Acts 22 to 25
Song No. 27 "Theocracy's Increase"
No. 1: *sg* p. 66 ¶11 to p. 69 ¶22
No. 2: Acts 22:1-21
No. 3: *td* 24C "Of What Is Fire a Symbol?"
No. 4: *g80* 6/22 pp. 3, 4

Aug. 29 Written Review. Complete Acts 1 to 25
Song No. 51 "Preach with Boldness!"

Sept. 5 Bible reading: Acts 26 to 28
Song No. 103 "Preach 'This Good News of the Kingdom'!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 69 ¶1 to p. 71 ¶8
No. 2: Acts 28:17-31
No. 3: *my* story 94
No. 4: *w81* 3/15 pp. 3, 4

Sept. 12 Bible reading: Romans 1 to 4
Song No. 37 "The Power of Kindness"
No. 1: *si* p. 204 ¶1 to p. 208 ¶25
No. 2: Romans 1:18-32
No. 3: *my* story 95
No. 4: *w81* 2/15 pp. 5-7

Sept. 19 Bible reading: Romans 5 to 8
Song No. 85 "Our Christian Unity"
No. 1: *sg* p. 72 ¶9 to p. 73 ¶13
No. 2: Romans 5:6-21
No. 3: *my* story 96
No. 4: *w81* 3/1 pp. 4-7

Sept. 26 Bible reading: Romans 9 to 12
Song No. 82 "Appreciation of God's Compassions"
No. 1: *sg* p. 73 ¶1 to p. 75 ¶8
No. 2: Romans 12:1-21
No. 3: *my* story 97
No. 4: *w81* 3/1 pp. 28-30

Oct. 3 Bible reading: Romans 13 to 16
Song No. 50 "Jehovah's Attributes"
No. 1: *sg* p. 75 ¶9 to p. 78 ¶17
No. 2: Romans 13:1-14
No. 3: *td* 29D "What Are God's Attributes?"
No. 4: *g80* 7/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 10 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1 to 5
Song No. 28 "Give Jehovah the Praise!"
No. 1: *si* p. 208 ¶1 to p. 212 ¶26
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
No. 3: *td* 31F "Were Jewish Hopes Fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah?"
No. 4: *g80* 8/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 17 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 6 to 9
Song No. 75 "The Fruit of Self-Control"
No. 1: *sg* p. 78 ¶1 to p. 80 ¶10
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 6:1-20
No. 3: *td* 34B "Why Do We Need to Be Awake to the Sign of the Last Days?"
No. 4: *g80* 9/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 24 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 10 to 13
Song No. 45 "Cultivating the Fruit of Love"
No. 1: *sg* p. 80 ¶11 to p. 84 ¶24
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
No. 3: *td* 36D "When Others Say: 'All Good People Go to Heaven.'"
No. 4: *g80* 9/8 pp. 16-19

Oct. 31 Written Review. Complete Acts 26 to 1 Corinthians 13
Song No. 15 "Love's Excelling Way"

Nov. 7 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 14 to 16
Song No. 78 "We Must Have the Faith!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 84 ¶1 to p. 88 ¶9
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
No. 3: *my* story 98
No. 4: *w81* 5/15 pp. 9-12

Nov. 14 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 1 to 4
Song No. 83 "The Bread from Heaven"
No. 1: *si* p. 213 ¶1 to p. 216 ¶20
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18
No. 3: *my* story 99
No. 4: *w81* 3/15 pp. 5-7

Nov. 21 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 5 to 9
Song No. 92 "Keep On Seeking First the Kingdom!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 88 ¶10 to p. 90 ¶15
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
No. 3: *my* story 100
No. 4: *w81* 4/1 pp. 3, 4

Nov. 28 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 10 to 13
Song No. 90 "See Jehovah's Army!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 90 ¶1 to p. 92 ¶7
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 10:1-18
No. 3: *my* story 101
No. 4: *w81* 4/1 pp. 4-7

Dec. 5 Bible reading: Galatians 1 to 3
Song No. 52 "The Fruitage of Goodness"
No. 1: *si* p. 216 ¶1 to p. 218 ¶18
No. 2: Galatians 3:15-29
No. 3: *td* 37C "When People Say: 'I Have My Own Church Literature.'"
No. 4: *g80* 9/22 pp. 3, 4

Dec. 12 Bible reading: Galatians 4 to 6
Song No. 94 "The Fruitage of the Spirit"
No. 1: *sg* p. 92 ¶8 to p. 95 ¶18
No. 2: Galatians 5:7-26
No. 3: *td* 43B "Should True Christians Pray for This World?"
No. 4: *g80* 11/8 pp. 3, 4

Dec. 19 Bible reading: Ephesians 1 to 6
Song No. 73 "Worship Jehovah During Youth!"
No. 1: *si* p. 219 ¶1 to p. 221 ¶19
No. 2: Ephesians 6:1-18
No. 3: *td* 47F "When People Say: 'I Have My Own Religion.'"
No. 4: *g80* 11/22 pp. 3, 4

Dec. 26 Written Review. Complete 1 Corinthians 14 to Ephesians 6
Song No. 66 "Now Is the Time!"

Announcements

- Literature offer for October and November: Subscription for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* or for both. Cost of subscriptions is $3.50 per year for semimonthly magazines, $2.00 for six months semimonthly magazines and $2.00 for monthly magazines per year. (There is no six-month subscription for monthly magazines.) December: Offer the *New World Translation* with the new book *"Let Your Kingdom Come,"* if available; otherwise offer Bible with any 192-page book.

- The 1961 or 1970 revisions of the *New World Translation* are still in stock in some congregations in regular or pocket-size for $2.50 and these supplies should be used in the field first. The 1961 and 1970 Deluxe editions will continue to be placed for $5.00. We recommend these Deluxe editions also be offered in the field if your congregation has some in stock. When your stock of these Bibles is used up, you may order the 1981 edition. This will be placed for $3.00 for the regular edition and $6.00 for the Deluxe edition. The 192-page books are now 75c.

- New Publications Available:

Happiness—How to Find It —French
"Let Your Kingdom Come" —Danish, French, Italian, Norwegian

Hearing God's Word Brings Benefits

1 What benefits can be gained from listening to a reading of God's Word? The apostle Paul said that "faith follows the thing heard." (Rom. 10:17) Thus, hearing the Bible read can result in a stronger faith. Hearers who have such faith often become "doers of the word." (Jas. 1:22-25) And hearers who become "doers of the word" or who "observe the things" heard from the Bible, are assured of happiness.—Rev. 1:3.

2 With this in mind, we are pleased to report that thousands of persons are now taking advantage of the Bible readings recently made available on cassette recordings by the Watchtower Society. As has already been announced, the entire Christian Greek Scriptures are now available on cassette recordings. Over two million cassettes of Bible readings have already been produced in English alone. Other recordings are in Spanish, Dutch, Danish, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portugese, Thai and Ukrainian. Additionally, *Kingdom Melodies* No. 1 has been enthusiastically received. To date more than 300,000 copies have been produced. No record of cassette placements is kept by the congregation or reported to the Society.

3 We have heard from many telling us about using these tapes in an interesting variety of ways. An appreciative blind brother was elated because, as he said, "Now I do not have to wait for visitors to read the Bible for me." (Cassettes for the blind are produced with Braille labels.) A parent explained that he obtained a cassette player for his youngsters who were anxious to get a stereo. In a short time, listening to the Bible reading became a regular pastime and they even began to memorize their favorite passages! Other parents tell us they have encouraged their children to follow the reading in their own Bibles and this has improved their reading ability, pronunciation and understanding of the text. Many tell us that they play the Bible recordings in their cars where they must spend considerable time each day. Others say these tapes are an effective supplement in teaching interested ones who are studying the Bible. One brother gratefully observed: "I have found that my retention of the Scriptures has greatly increased."

4 The *Kingdom Melodies* tapes feature many familiar Kingdom songs, rearranged for personal listening and enjoyment. Many of us are familiar with the words of the songs. "As the melodies are played," one sister explained, "I hear the words in my mind. What a fine way to keep Jehovah in my thoughts while enjoying music!" Appreciating that the words convey the beautiful Kingdom message, some have been moved to memorize them to heighten their enjoyment of the music and refresh their minds of the reassuring Kingdom hope.

5 Living in a wicked world controlled by Satan the Devil and his demons, we are constantly bombarded with propaganda designed to destroy our faith by filling our minds with wrong ideas and desires. How fine it is that Jehovah has made abundant provisions through his Word and organization to help keep our minds filled with his thoughts! May all of us keep on inclining our ears whenever we have opportunity to listen as God's Word is read.

. . . Service Overseer *(Cont'd)*

4 How does he care for his responsibilities? First of all, he has very little record keeping to do. Rather, he works with the records that the secretary keeps and this lets him concentrate on helping people. Although he is usually assigned as a book study conductor and spends most of his time with that particular group, he keeps close watch on the overall evangelizing work of the congregation. Whenever he observes a problem involving field activity, in any part of the congregation or in some particular feature of the ministry, he will bring it to the attention of the body of elders with whom he works. He keeps abreast of all organized field service arrangements established within the book study groups and is interested in how well they are supported. He is also a teacher and so his enthusiastic handling of service meeting parts dealing with field service, from time to time, helps to keep all in the congregation readjusted.

5 Once each month he will leave his own group and work with one of the other book study groups for that week. During this time his assistant will care for his group so he can give his full attention to all the needs of the group being visited. He will work with as many in that group as he can during the week. This is a fine time to get his help if we are having any particular problem with service. He is there to help, for he appreciates that all of us are ministers like himself. A special feature of his visit will be at the book study held during that week. It will be shortened to 45 minutes to allow for the service overseer to give an encouraging talk. This Scriptural talk will be designed to help us to improve in our evangelizing work.

6 There will be no formal meeting held between the service overseer and the regular study conductor. However, the service overseer should make inquiry as to the organized service arrangements in effect. He will be interested in knowing how well the arrangements are working and, of course, the conductor will welcome any suggestions he may offer.

7 In large congregations with many book study groups, it will mean that each group may only be visited once or twice a year. Even where there are only a few book study groups, the visits of the service overseer may be months apart. This means we will each want to get the greatest benefit from his visit by giving good support to the field service and the book study that week. By sharing in service with him, by commenting at the study and by giving close attention as he speaks to the group, we will all be showing Jehovah and his Son that we fully appreciate their providing us with overseers to take the lead. Then the purpose of providing such "gifts in men" will be realized as Ephesians 4:15 states: "But speaking the truth, let us by love grow up in all things into him who is the head, Christ."

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Returning to Visit New Subscribers

1 Do you view new subscribers to *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* as potential disciples? Experience teaches us that new subscribers may readily respond to an offer to study the Bible with them. (Matt. 28:19, 20) Many have become disciples after first subscribing to the magazines. But the interest had to be developed and cultivated by regular Bible discussions. These individuals are now in a fine position to aid many more. Your initial call can pave the way for return visits to build faith in the Bible. How can you accomplish that? What will you say?

2 On the initial visit why not try to lay the groundwork for a future call? Often it is helpful to raise a thought-provoking question and state that when you return you would like to take just a few minutes to demonstrate how the magazines help to provide the Bible answer. Jot down on your personal record not only what you discussed but also the householder's response. Make a notation of any information about the individual's viewpoint or circumstance that will aid you when you return. If possible, arrange for an appointment to return and then be sure to keep it. Do not wait too long before returning.

3 To assure that such return visits result in fine home Bible studies, it is necessary to give careful advance thought to what you will say. This need not take a lot of time. To do this you will need to check your house-to-house record, review the article you highlighted and locate the paragraph in the article or a text cited therein that answers the question you raised. You may also like to select an appropriate point or two from a related subject in *Bible Topics for Discussion,* such as "Kingdom" or "Last Days." Help the householder to see how the material contained in the magazines along with the Bible can build faith in God and his sure promises of a new earth.—Rom. 10:11.

4 Perhaps you are somewhat hesitant about making return visits, never having done this before. In addition to trying the above suggestion, you may also simply encourage the person to read the magazines. Some publishers have obtained good results by taking just a few minutes at the door to read a preselected paragraph or two. In this way they whet the individual's appetite to learn more. Others will explain the stated purpose of *The Watchtower*—"Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom"—by using texts such as Psalm 83:18, Isaiah 9:6, 7 or Daniel 2:44. Before concluding your call you may wish to review with the householder the new points learned. This will illustrate how much can be learned from such regular, brief Bible discussions. It only takes a few minutes to call back on new subscribers but in that way you can keep their spiritual interests alive.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Blessings of "New Earth."

2 Pet. 3:13—A promise from God.

Rev. 21:1a, 3, 4—What it will mean.

5 When it seems appropriate, focus their attention on one of the books or booklets that can be used for a regular home Bible study. Depending on the interest shown, this may be done either on the very first call or after several visits. Whatever you choose to do, usually the best results will come when you have carefully planned your call.—2 Cor. 2:17.

6 More and more persons are subscribing for the magazines and reading them regularly. Plan now to cultivate the interest you find. Set aside a specific day or time to return, if that is possible. If you feel timid about doing this, seek the assistance of other experienced publishers. Make it your determination to call back on all new subscribers and help them to continue partaking of life-sustaining spiritual truth.—Rev. 22:17; Rom. 10:13-15.

Increase Praise . . . *(Cont'd)*

5 Subjects that have wide appeal are considered in a brief and interesting way. The October 1 *Watchtower* discusses whether we can believe the Bible today. In the October 15 issue there is an illustrated article under the heading "God's Word Is Alive." This too is something that can be featured in field service, as it is eye-catching and is explained in simple language for all to understand. The October 8 and 22 *Awake!* issues feature fine material on the brotherhood of man and how we can survive the sinking of this system of things.

WAYS TO PLACE MAGAZINES

6 There are various ways in which we can engage in magazine distribution. We want to offer the subscriptions as we go from door to door and when we make return visits on people who do not already subscribe. We may offer them in our informal witnessing too. Where the subscription is refused we may say something like this: "Although you do not wish to subscribe at this time, I believe you would enjoy this issue we discussed. We are leaving it with this companion magazine on just a 30-cent contribution. If you do decide to subscribe in the future you can let me or another one of Jehovah's Witnesses know, or you may write the publishers." Many magazines are placed in this way.

7 Oftentimes when we go from door to door, especially in city territory, we find difficulty in getting householders to open the door. When the householder says, "I am sorry, I cannot open the door now," or "I am busy right now," we can still ask through the door, "May I leave *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* with you on a 30-cent contribution?" It is surprising how many householders will ask you to wait a minute and then come out and take the magazines. Sometimes they will even keep the door open so that you may carry on a Bible-based conversation with them. Also it is good to make the offer of the two magazines when householders say in a half-hearted way, "I'm not interested." Many times this is said just to cut the conversation short, but when the magazines are offered they are accepted. And, of course, once the magazines are in the home, we hope others, too, will read them, appreciate the fine information contained therein and thus be helped to praise Jehovah.

8 Magazines can be placed in store-to-store work by using a brief, pointed presentation. The most effective way to do street work is to approach people who are standing, or walking slowly. Have in mind the particular article that you feel is appropriate to highlight and ask if the person would like to read it. Magazine routes are also a fine way of increasing magazine distribution.

9 The psalmist invites us: "Praise Jah, you people, for it is good to make melody to our God; for it is pleasant—praise is fitting." (Ps. 147:1) Yes, it is certainly fitting to praise Jehovah, and we can increase praise to Jehovah by distributing *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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ALL-TIME PEAK OF 588,503 PUBLISHERS IN AUGUST! A FITTING CLOSE TO 1981 SERVICE YEAR IN THE U.S.

How thankful we all are for Jehovah's rich blessings upon our efforts during the 1981 service year! On April 19, 1981, we had the highest number ever to attend a Memorial celebration in this country. Then, during the summer months 1,057,237 attended the district conventions in the United States. This was another peak figure. And now, to close out the 1981 service year, a new all-time peak of 588,503 publishers was reached. This is 11,134 more than the previous publisher peak back in November of 1975. Let us continue moving forward as loyal Kingdom proclaimers, praying that the Word of God will keep on growing in its powerful influence on our lives and that the number of new disciples will keep on multiplying.—Acts 6:7.

Meetings for Field Service

NOVEMBER 2-8

Why is it encouraging to:

1. Realize that Jesus is with us in the preaching work? (Acts 18:9, 10)
2. Offer group prayer before going into territory? (Acts 4:29)

NOVEMBER 9-15

When offering subscriptions:

1. What points will you highlight in current magazines?
2. How will you show the value of being a subscriber?
3. How will you respond if householder declines subscription?

NOVEMBER 16-22

How can we help one another:

1. To face apathy or opposition at the doors? (Eccl. 4:9, 10)
2. To have a fuller share in the preaching work?
3. To work together as families?

NOVEMBER 23-29

How might we:

1. Initiate return visit with one who has taken magazines?
2. Offer such one a Bible study?
3. Invite him to the Kingdom Hall?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Blessings of "New Earth."
2 Pet. 3:13—A promise from God.
Rev. 21:1a, 3, 4—What it will mean.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

November 1: Pages 347* to 357*
November 8: Pages 357* to 363
November 15: Pages 364 to 370*
November 22: Pages 370* to 378
November 29: Pages 379 to 388*

* To or from subheading.

Be Zealous in Spreading Life-giving Knowledge

[1] "Come with me, and see my zeal for Jehovah." Thus spoke Jehu to Jonadab when carrying out his commission from Jehovah. (2 Ki. 10:16, *American Standard Version*) Today, also, many have noted the zeal of Jehovah's servants.

[2] One modern historian stated: "Jehovah's Witnesses have literally covered the earth with their witnessing. . . . It may be truly said that no single religious group in the world displayed more zeal and persistence in the attempt to spread the good news of the Kingdom." Others have said: "We admire their zeal." Yes, true Christianity is marked by zeal. That is why Jehovah's Witnesses are so active in spreading life-giving knowledge.

[3] Zeal is defined as intense eagerness or ardent interest in pursuit of something. Some synonyms are: enthusiasm, intensity, willingness and fervor. Where there is zeal there is life, vibrance. Spiritual zeal includes having genuine love for God and neighbor. (Mark 12:29-31) It is contagious and stirs one up to a godly ministry. "Exert yourselves vigorously," exhorts Jesus. "Do not loiter at your business," echoes Paul, reminding us of the urgency of our preaching activity. Let all of us, therefore, participate zealously in spreading the life-giving knowledge of truth.—Luke 13:24; Rom. 12:11.

SPREADING LIFE-GIVING KNOWLEDGE

[4] What a joy it is to help someone come to know and serve Jehovah! Our magazines are an aid to that end. Our zeal should move us to make time to declare the "good news." During November, we can show zeal by presenting the subscription for both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, just as we did in October. To serve Jehovah with faithfulness and zeal involves work, but if we have appreciation for the increasing ur-

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Proper Decorum as a Christian

[1] We are "a theatrical spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men," stated the apostle Paul. (1 Cor. 4:9) As Jehovah's Witnesses we consider it a privilege to represent our Father, Jehovah, in a clean and modest way. We know that our conduct, speech, grooming and clothing styles all can influence others as to how they view the true worship of Jehovah.

[2] Christians are expected to maintain proper decorum. Our conduct, grooming and dress at all times should reflect the decency and dignity that befits dedicated servants of God. It certainly would not be fitting for Christians to be immodest or inconsiderate of others.—Mic. 6:8; 1 Cor. 10:31-33.

[3] When others view us, what do they see? Does our dress bespeak a lack of modesty? Could our dress and grooming be viewed as suggestive or provocative? Would others be distracted or offended by our appearance, bearing or manner? According to reports received, this has actually happened. Many of you brothers have expressed particular appreciation for comments that were made at the "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions last summer regarding proper Christian conduct, dress and grooming.

[4] One of the talks, you will recall, stated very forcefully: "Why any servant of Jehovah God should want to imitate the styles that characterize the immoral, rebellious elements of the Devil's world is difficult to understand. Why try

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 1

Song 4

5 min: Local announcements.

15 min: "Be Zealous in Spreading Life-giving Knowledge." Questions and answers, to be handled by an elder.

15 min: "The House-to-House Challenge." Service overseer or another elder conduct question-and-answer coverage of May 15, 1981, *Watchtower* article. Consider local situation and attitudes that call for perseverance. Highlight Scriptural and practical solutions. Enthusiastically encourage regular participation in field ministry.

10 min: "Five Special Talks for January." Discuss article and outline local arrangements. Remind all of weekend field service.

Song 10 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 8

Song 51

8 min: Local announcements, including accounts report.

10 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Boldness." Question-and-answer coverage of material. Consider as many scriptures as time will allow. Highlight principle taught by each experience.

15 min: "Proper Decorum as a Christian." Talk, with some audience participation. Elders should apply material, having in mind local trends or problems. Encourage young and old to avoid casual view.

12 min: Information on page one dealing with new all-time publisher peak should be considered by service overseer. Also discuss congregation field service report for month of October. Compare with monthly report from previous year. Remind all to record activity and turn in report. Encourage family participation in magazine work on second Saturday of month.

Song 8 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 15

Song 65

8 min: Appropriate Announcements, local announcements and Theocratic News.

15 min: "Remember Those Who Are Taking the Lead." Question-and-answer coverage of material. Allow time to read and discuss selected scriptures and make application to local needs.

15 min: Elders can arrange locally or give talk from July 1, 1981, *Watchtower* article, "I Want To."

7 min: Local experiences as a result of sharing in service on first Sunday or second Saturday of month. Arrange in advance for several to be presented.

Song 117 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 22

Song 1

5 min: Local announcements. Include field service arrangements for weekend.

10 min: Offering Magazines. Discuss with audience talking points from latest issues. Prepare two brief demonstrations on how magazines can be presented using different articles. Encourage all to share in magazine work on fourth Saturday of month.

Proper Decorum (*Cont'd*)

to be like the world and so stand out as different among Jehovah's people? Should you not rather appear like Jehovah's people, and so stand out as different when among worldlings? Whom are we trying to please? Whose favor are we currying? Why not take a cue regarding well-arranged dress and grooming from the mature brothers who have the greater responsibilities? Can we not take a hint and imitate their good example?"

[5] One group of young Witnesses who live by this counsel were very much surprised when, after having dinner at a large restaurant, they learned that an elderly couple had observed their Christian conduct and bearing at the restaurant and had voluntarily paid their bill of approximately one hundred dollars. The non-Witness couple was greatly impressed by the fine Christian conduct and appearance of this group of young Witnesses.

[6] So it is vital that we give attention to what we wear and how we appear to others! Instead of drawing undue attention to ourselves by means of improper clothing styles, conduct or grooming, should we not rather reflect the image of our Grand Maker, Jehovah God?

AT OUR MEETINGS

[7] Our dress and decorum at the meetings should bespeak the dignity associated with worshiping Jehovah at his house. Paul stated at 1 Timothy 2:9, 10 that women should dress "with modesty and soundness of mind." Men, too, would want to observe this same principle. Ignoring such counsel would be showing a lack of respect for our Christian meetings,

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15 min: "The End of All Badness" and "A New Paradise on Earth." Discuss with several young children Stories 114 and 115 from *Bible Stories* book.

15 min: "Let's Get Acquainted." Interview two or three young publishers on how they became acquainted with the truth. Encourage congregation to take initiative in getting to know one another, thus creating warm family spirit.

Song 64 and prayer.

Announcements

● Literature offer for November: Subscription for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!*, or both on a contribution of $3.50 for each one-year subscription, six-month subscriptions, $2.00. December and January: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and *"Kingdom Come"* on a contribution of $3.25 ($3.75 if 1981 edition of *New World Translation* is used). February: Offer will be *"Kingdom Come"* book on a contribution of 75c. March: Any 192-page book with exception of *"Kingdom Come"* and *Happiness* books, on a contribution of 75c.

● During the week of January 3, 1982, congregations will begin studying *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* at the congregation book studies.

● *1982 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses:* Publishers and pioneers, please order your *Yearbooks* through your congregation. Congregations should begin accepting orders for these *Yearbooks* now. Then on the dates listed, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society using the regular Literature Order Blank (S-14). November 15, 1981: English; December 15, 1981: French, Greek, Italian, Spanish; February 1, 1982: Dutch, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese. Congregations should order only the number of *Yearbooks* for which there are requests. PAYMENT SHOULD NOT ACCOMPANY THE ORDER. The *Yearbooks* will be charged to the literature account at $1.00 each, which is the rate for publishers and the public. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1981, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit on the Remittance and Credit Request (S-20). Pioneers may obtain additional copies at 25c each. (Note to secretary: Please have announced to the congregation when the *Yearbooks* are received so that all who ordered can obtain their copies.) *Yearbooks* in English for the years 1975 and 1977 are also available.

● New Publications Available:

Making Your Family Life Happy —Croatian
Watch Tower Publications Index for 1976-1980 —English
The Path of Divine Truth Leading to Liberation —French

● New Cassette Recordings Available:

"Jehovah's Name to Be Declared in All the Earth" (Drama) (single cassette) —French, Swedish
The Good News According to Mark (set of two cassettes) —Finnish, German
To the Romans (single cassette) —Finnish

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Five Special Talks for January

The new book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* will provide the basis for five special talks to be given in the congregations during January. Although many of the brothers will have already read the new book through by that time, these animated discussions should not only cultivate a deeper appreciation for the *"Kingdom Come"* book on the part of all the brothers, but also will be encouraging to newly interested ones who perhaps have not taken the time personally to read the book through.

Since there will be five Sundays this January, most congregations should be able to arrange to present the five talks during this one month. Of course, if it should be necessary for some congregations to exchange speakers, they can stagger the beginning of the series, which would mean that some congregations will begin the series on January 10 and end on February 7. Also, those congregations attending a circuit assembly or having the visit of the circuit overseer during January will need to make appropriate adjustments.

This is the only notice that will be given regarding this series of special talks. We encourage the elders to act immediately in making necessary arrangements so that the assigned speakers will have sufficient time to prepare well so as to present the material in a fine way. Only qualified speakers should be selected to give these talks. In some cases ministerial servants could be used, if there is a need and they are capable speakers.

The titles of the five talks are as follows:

1—"What God's Kingdom Means for Our Earth" (Chap. 1-4)
2—"The Messianic King of God's Kingdom" (Chap. 5-8)
3—"Kingdom Servants Conquer by Their Faith" (Chap. 9-11)
4—"The 'Last Days' and God's Kingdom—Now!" (Chap. 12-14)
5—"Rewards for Loyally Advocating God's Kingdom" (Chap. 15-18)

No outlines will be provided for these talks, but the speakers will want to stick closely to the material presented in the assigned chapters of the *"Kingdom Come"* book. A speaker may wish to refer to specific points in the book during his presentation and may include the audience to some extent in the discussion. However, the information should be presented basically as a discourse and should not be merely a summary nor given as a book review. A week before these talks commence, all in the congregation should be reminded to bring their personal copies of the book to these meetings. Please see what was stated in *Our Kingdom Service* for November 1980 regarding the special series of talks given on the *Happiness* book.

"Remember Those Who Are Taking the Lead"

1 Loyal and active supporters of Christianity highly prize the faithful work and zealous lead of the elders in the congregations. It is a pleasure to cooperate closely with them as they seek to advance Kingdom interests. We cannot help but reflect appreciatively on their exemplary service over the years and as a result, strive to imitate their faith, devotion, love and endurance. When we consider their earnest and industrious service, it should prompt an eagerness in us to obey and submit to those 'governing us' who may be 'losing sleep over our souls.' (2 Tim. 3:10, 11; Heb. 13:7, 17, *Kingdom Interlinear Translation.*) Ministerial servants, as they work closely under the supervision of the elders, may also serve as wholesome examples to others.

ELDERS AND MINISTERIAL SERVANTS AS EXAMPLES

2 What a challenge it can be for elders to balance their secular and family responsibilities with theocratic pursuits! The diligent application of Bible principles in their lives, aided by Jehovah's spirit, has enabled them to care for themselves and their families while scheduling time to assist others. Regularly they work in the field ministry, arrange for and conduct weekly congregational meetings, serve as counselors and visit those related to them in the faith. As they use their initiative in handling this trust, they work for the protection and blessing of the congregation.—Isa. 32:1, 2.

3 As undershepherds, the elders seek to imitate the attitude and ways of our Exemplar, Jesus. Unlike the hypocritical religious leaders of his day, Jesus was a sterling example of zeal for true worship. He showed such zeal not just with talk but by demonstrating a willingness to set the pace in performance. Like Jesus, the elders extend themselves in sacred service and maintain a reasonable view of what is expected of others. —1 Pet. 5:2, 3; Matt. 11:28-30.

4 Ministerial servants should likewise be examples of zeal to the congregation. As they share in all features of the field ministry and discharge other responsibilities, they 'acquire for themselves a fine standing' in the congregation. (1 Tim. 3:13) As they reach out and become more zealous, they may, in time, be assigned to handle additional responsibilities. This may include handling service meeting parts, giving public talks or conducting a congregation book study. What a fine contribution they make to the growth and stability of the congregation as they learn to carry out their assignments with reliance on Jehovah and his holy spirit!

OUR SUBMISSION AND OBEDIENCE

5 How can we demonstrate our appreciation for the elders' loving oversight? One way is by taking advantage of opportunities to cooperate with those taking the lead. Our being mindful of their weighty responsibilities should stir us to respect them and obediently submit to their direction. When we display proper regard for our hardworking elders, we contribute to our joy and theirs, while strengthening the spirit of our congregational family.—1 Thess. 5:12, 13.

6 Another way to demonstrate your appreciation is to take the initiative in asking to work along with these brothers, and the ministerial servants, in field service. The first Sunday of the month or the second and fourth Saturdays would be a fine time to do so. Your sharing with them weekly in the preaching and disciple-making work will be a source of encouragement to them and will result in refreshment for yourself. —Rom. 1:11, 12.

7 What a privilege we have to be active Christian associates, carrying out our God-assigned work! As we work hard to share in vindicating Jehovah's name, we should use our talents, gifts and energies in a worthwhile way. Elders and ministerial servants should earnestly endeavor to care for their respective responsibilities in an exemplary manner. By imitating those who take the lead, the congregation will be united in reflecting their activity, love and concern. —Phil. 3:17.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	416	117.0	94.1	45.7	4.8
Pios.	18,684	68.7	55.1	27.2	3.2
Aux. Pios.	18,179	57.6	46.7	16.5	1.3
Pubs.	551,224	8.7	8.9	3.6	.4
TOTAL	588,503				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,435

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Boldness

¹ The Kingdom message is unique. Thus, at appropriate times, the circumstances in which we preach require boldness. Evidently with this in mind the apostle Paul made frequent reference to the need for bold persistence in speaking the Word of God. (Eph. 6:18-20; 1 Thess. 2:2) Like first-century witnesses, we must not allow apathy, fear of men or opposition to cause us to become timid or hesitant in presenting Kingdom truths.—Acts 4:29-31; 28:30, 31.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

² At times it may seem difficult or inconvenient to reach a certain home or individual with our message. Will we boldly persist? While out in the door-to-door work, a sister asked a woman whether anyone was living in a certain downstairs apartment since she had never located anyone there before. The woman tried to dissuade the sister from calling at the apartment, stating that the man who lived there was busy. Our sister tactfully persisted and was able to speak with the young man who lived there. He had never talked with Witnesses before and readily agreed to study with a brother in the congregation. Before long, he was attending meetings and participating in the field ministry.

³ Being bold does not mean being rude, self-reliant or presumptuous. It does involve determination and tactful persistence so as to take advantage of every appropriate occasion to preach. When we are motivated by a genuine love of God and neighbor, we can speak the truth with boldness.—Acts 26:24-26.

OCCASIONS FOR SHOWING BOLDNESS

⁴ Are you hesitant about making return visits, perhaps fearing that you will be turned away? That is how one couple felt, even though they had located a young woman who expressed interest in the Bible's message. However, at a congregation meeting, they received encouragement to follow up interest and therefore decided to call back. Imagine their joy when this woman welcomed them and informed them that she and her neighbor had been studying the Bible on their own. They had prayed to God for help and in a matter of days had received the first visit from this couple. The two women eagerly accepted a Bible study and made excellent progress. How happy this Witness couple must be that they took courage and returned!

⁵ The conditions under which we preach the "good news" will not always be favorable or easy. But when confronted with indifference or outright ridicule because of our stand for the truth, we will need to speak up with boldness, yet doing so with mildness and deep respect. (1 Pet. 3:15) This will honor Jehovah's name and may work for the salvation of honest-hearted ones who listen.

Proper Decorum (*Cont'd*)

including the congregation book study, elders' meetings and others.

⁸ Some may have problems with being on time for congregation meetings. Of course, it is understandable that at times unavoidable circumstances may be encountered. But love for the truth and for our brothers will move us to come early, when at all possible, so as to benefit from wholesome Christian fellowship. Often it is simply a matter of good planning.

LISTEN AND LEARN

⁹ Individually we have a responsibility to listen and learn. (Luke 8:18) We want to get the most out of the meetings, since the information is coming from the 'faithful slave' and is for our spiritual feeding and benefit. (Matt. 24:45-47) Parents have a responsibility toward their children to see that they also listen and learn. Where they sit during the meetings may have a bearing on how they listen and whether they learn or not. Are they sitting with those who will help them concentrate on the meetings? During meetings is not a time to be eating or playing.

¹⁰ It is good for elders and ministerial servants to set a good example by being seated and listening rather than caring for some responsibility during the meeting. In our field ministry, conduct, appearance and bearing, let us all apply Christian principles, doing all things out of love for God, Christ Jesus and our brothers. This will be in line with the words of Paul, who said he wrote certain things "that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in God's household, which is the congregation of the living God, a pillar and support of the truth." —1 Tim. 3:14, 15.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Mexico reports a new peak of 101,171 publishers in July and over 104,000 home Bible studies.

◆ For the first time, Costa Rica passed the 6,000 mark with 6,005 publishers reporting in July. A new peak of 5,627 Bible studies was also reported.

◆ Over 1,500 brothers and sisters from Paraguay were able to attend the "Kingdom Loyalty" convention in a nearby country. They were greatly encouraged to continue their service, although the work is banned in Paraguay.

◆ District conventions in the Caribbean were well supported with 7,640 attending in Guadeloupe, 2,290 in the Netherlands Antilles and 31,886 at the three conventions in Puerto Rico.

◆ Japan reported another new peak in July of 62,827 publishers. Congregation publishers averaged 15.1 hours in July even though it was a hot month and many of them traveled to district conventions.

Be Zealous (*Cont'd*)

gency to spread life-giving knowledge, we will show zeal by sharing in field service to the extent possible.

STIR OTHERS TO ZEALOUS WORKS

⁵ Despite colder weather in much of the country in November, zeal should impel us to be out in the field, preaching in our territory. (Jer. 20:9) Could you take full advantage of the congregation's arrangements for group witnessing? What about planning to go out at other times as well? Talk over your schedule with others and encourage them to work with you.

⁶ In view of these critical times and the urgent message we bear, there is a need for us to "be aglow with the spirit" as we encourage others to become acquainted with God and his Word. By zealously spreading the life-giving knowledge published in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* and inviting others to subscribe to them, we give evidence of our own appreciation for the vital information they contain. Remember that these are the most widely circulated religious magazines in the world. Certainly they are the most beneficial ones published. So we have good reason to be zealous and enthusiastic about offering the subscriptions.

⁷ Ask yourself: "Am I zealous for fine works? Can my support of the preaching activity be described as ardent, whole-souled?" Your answers will tell you much about the intensity of your zeal. The more we share in spreading life-giving knowledge, the greater will be the number of those who see that we are truly a people "zealous for fine works."—Titus 2:14.

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Meetings for Field Service

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 6
Using Bible and "Kingdom Come" book

1. How will you present the Bible?
2. Discuss talking points in the "Kingdom Come" book.

DECEMBER 7-13
Making return visits

1. What will you discuss with someone who took the "Kingdom Come" book?
2. How would you start a study in the "Kingdom Come" book?

DECEMBER 14-20
Witnessing during the holidays

1. How can we tactfully acknowledge holiday greetings?
2. Why is this a good time to talk about the Kingdom?

DECEMBER 21-27
Using magazines during holidays

1. What articles could be used effectively?
2. Why be acquainted with specific articles?

DECEMBER 28–JANUARY 3
Using the Topic for Conversation

1. How would you adapt it to young persons?
2. What could be used as a basis for return visits?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached:*

December 6: Pages 388* to 397
December 13: Pages 398 to 405*
December 20: Pages 405* to 412
December 27: Review of entire book.

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* To or from subheading.

Proclaim the Kingdom Hope to Others

[1] What hope should Christians proclaim? Certainly not some man-made political hope! History shows that all such hopes are futile. Truly, human schemes are unable to provide for mankind's lasting needs and salvation. (Ps. 146:3) The only real hope is the Kingdom for which Jesus taught his disciples to pray.—Matt. 6:10.

[2] Yes, we have good reason to proclaim the Kingdom hope to people in our territory. Jehovah's people know the Kingdom is God's instrument to rid the universe of Satan and all who support his rule. The Kingdom will clear Jehovah's name of all the reproach that has been heaped upon it for nearly 6,000 years. And, happily, the Kingdom will administer to mankind the ransoming power of Jesus' sacrifice, relieving all suffering and pain. Under its millennial rule, billions now sleeping in death will be resurrected.

MAKE USE OF "LET YOUR KINGDOM COME"

[3] Jesus foretold that in the time of the end his disciples would be preaching the "good news of the kingdom." (Matt. 24:14) We are truly happy to have a share in proclaiming to others what mankind's real hope is—God's kingdom. At our "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions we were thrilled to receive a new instrument to assist us in this God-given work—the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* During December, we have our first opportunity to use it from door to door as we offer it along with the *New World Translation.*

[4] Have you thought of how you might proclaim the Kingdom hope with this new book? The opening words of chapter 1 on pages 5 and 6, along with the beautiful picture depicting an earthly paradise, would make a very fitting presentation. Why not review this first paragraph and select points you would like to use that relate to the prayer "Thy kingdom come."

[5] What practical use can be made of the boxes containing pointed information about the Kingdom? The one on page 11 is entitled "The Reality of God's Kingdom." It gives facts about the King, the Heavenly Corulers, its Realm, the Loyal Subjects, the Laws and the Educational Program. Notice, too, the box entitled "What God's Kingdom Will Do" on page 25. You might ask the householder a question, such as "Do you recall some of the things the Bible says the Kingdom will do for mankind?" Then call attention to the answer on page 25.

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Parents—Are Your Children Growing Spiritually?

[1] What a blessing it is to have children who love to serve Jehovah! What joy it brings to the hearts of devoted parents. The apostle John reflected that feeling regarding his spiritual children when he wrote, "No greater cause for thankfulness do I have than these things, that I should be hearing that my children go on walking in the truth."—3 John 4.

[2] "But how do you get your children to be spiritual in their outlook?" many parents have asked. The question is understandable when you see the satanic pressures imposed on the young today. The answers from parents who have been successful are helpful. "The number one requirement is setting a good example in spirituality yourself," said one father. This brother, a busy elder with a family of four children to look after, takes time to be with his children. Their life is centered around the Kingdom. They talk about spiritual things as a family. When they go on vacations, they go as a family and the father makes sure they attend the meetings at the local Kingdom Hall.

[3] Another factor is making the field service an occasion of joy. One mother stated that she took the children along with her in the field service from the time they were infants. They have always enjoyed the service, not going simply because they had to.

COMMUNICATE FREELY

[4] How would you know if your children were growing spiritually if you did not communicate freely with them? It would be difficult, to say the least. That is why so many successful parents find it wise to talk freely and openly with their children. They spend time together. Rather than *socializing* with other adults apart from the children, they have found it best to have the children with them.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 29

Song 2

10 min: Local announcements. Enthusiastically encourage all to share in field service with the new book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* and the *New World Translation* on first Sunday of the month.

20 min: "Proclaim the Kingdom Hope to Others." Questions and answers. On paragraph 4, ask audience how they would make the transition from the Topic for Conversation to opening chapter of *"Kingdom Come"* book. After discussing paragraphs 5 and 6, have brief demonstration on how to use the boxes on pages 11 and 25, or others.

15 min: Talk and discussion with audience on "Speaking in Tongues Today—From God?" in August 15, 1981, *Watchtower*. Relate material to local situations in territory and how we might cope with the belief of speaking in tongues today as taught by charismatics.

Song 80 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 6

Song 45

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News.

15 min: "Keep Building One Another Up." Encouraging talk by elder based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11 emphasizing the need for strengthening one another's faith, using the tongue for good. (Jas. 3:10, 11; *Commentary on James,* pages 117-119) Also mention can be made of importance of quickly settling differences with others, not harboring resentments but courageously going to one offending you in the spirit of Matthew 18:15, 16 and Matthew 5:23, 24 so as to be at peace with your brother.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the Bible." Question-and-answer coverage with audience discussion on how offer can be presented in most appealing way to householders in local territory. Also have two short demonstrations featuring presentation of Bible and/or book.

Song 16 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 13

Song 17

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

10 min: Interview one or two publishers on how their gaining a knowledge of the truth has helped them to overcome problems in their life. Emphasize that it is not just the knowledge they have obtained but the application of Bible principles that has helped them to make necessary corrections.—John 13:17.

10 min: Local needs, or give a talk on the subject "Faith Healing—Not for Christians Today," based on the article in the September 1, 1981, *Watchtower.*

15 min: Following Up and Developing Interest. Discussion with audience; also relate experiences on what can be done to develop the interest found after placing the new book *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* Encourage prompt and thorough follow-up of interest so sheeplike ones will be helped.

Song 111 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 20

Song 110

10 min: Local announcements and discussion of the day's text to be handled by family as if at breakfast. Encourage family discussion of daily text.

20 min: "Parents—Are Your Children Growing Spiritually?" Question-and-answer discussion but with encouragement for local experiences of what parents have done to help children to grow spiritually.

15 min: Understanding Your Children. Father and mother with children discuss some of their problems. One child finds it difficult going to school because of ridicule from fellow students. Child relates pressure he experiences from fellow students to join social clubs, become involved in school politics, and so forth. Parents tactfully and lovingly reason with youth on dangers involved and have child draw conclusion from own knowledge and appreciation of truth. Another child has trouble when issues arise in connection with holidays. Child explains he feels shy and reluctant to speak about beliefs when these situations arise. Parents empathetically acknowledge the difficulty of the situation and express their confidence in their child's ability to handle these problems with Jehovah's help. Share examples from Bible of how Jehovah assisted younger ones such as David and Josiah. Have child try to think of Bible examples, perhaps from *My Book of Bible Stories.*—See *The Watchtower* of June 15, 1964, pages 377-382 and September 1, 1964, pages 533-538.

Song 115 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 27

Song 52

10 min: Announcements and Question Box.

10 min: Talk by elder from November 15, 1981, *Watchtower* article, "Feed Regularly on Bible Truths!"

10 min: Scriptural talk covering local needs of congregation.

15 min: "Gaining Happiness Through Study of God's Word." Question-and-answer discussion with audience. Have some brothers mention how and when they arrange to do their personal study. Build up enthusiasm for public talks to be given from the new book.

Song 59 and prayer.

Kingdom Hope *(Cont'd)*

6 Pictures are always eye-catching, especially to young persons. In addition to the beautiful paradise scene on pages 4 and 5, there are excellent pictures on pages 52 and 53, 77, 148 and 149, 180 and 181. You will find the pictures on pages 148 and 149 very useful for a discussion on either the initial call or a return visit, for they outline the Kingdom theme of the Bible along with appropriate illustrations.

7 These are a few of the excellent features to be found in the new book *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* It is written in a concise, direct and yet appealing style. The pointed questions for discussion along with Scriptural references will help you to reason with householders on the subject of God's kingdom. So, let us all be enthusiastic about offering this new publication.

8 Another fine aid in making the Bible and book presentation is the *Bible Topics for Discussion* in the back of the new Bible. You can suggest to householders that these groupings of scriptures will help them to get insight into the subject under discussion.

THOROUGH PREPARATION

9 To make best use of the book it is essential to read it through carefully. Many have done this by now and so are familiar with its contents. The more you know about the Kingdom hope the better you will be able to proclaim it to others. If your heart is warmed by the marvelous Kingdom hope and you have full confidence in its realization, then you cannot help but proclaim it to others with enthusiasm.

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Gaining Happiness Through Study of God's Word

1 Wise King Solomon wrote: "Happy is the man that has found wisdom, and the man that gets discernment." (Prov. 3:13) Have you gained this happiness that Solomon mentioned? The key is 'finding wisdom and getting discernment.'

2 This takes effort and time. It involves study of Jehovah's Word, the taking in of godly knowledge and application of such in our lives. (Prov. 2:2-4) Those who seek understanding and wisdom through regular study of God's Word will agree that "those keeping fast hold of it are to be called happy." —Prov. 3:18.

3 One definition of study is: "To fix the mind closely upon a subject." Our knowing this helps us to understand why those who regularly study God's Word are happy. They are 'fixing their minds' on God's thoughts and his wonderful promises. Thus, they gain the highest education, a godly one. Feeding one's mind on God's truths is a most delightful experience, helping us to continue growing spiritually.—Heb. 5:13, 14.

HOW THE ORGANIZATION HELPS

4 Jehovah's organization assists us in gaining the happiness we seek. In fact, a fine study program is laid out for us by the "faithful and discreet slave." How? Well, we noted above that reading is an important part of study, and we have many good things to read, do we not? So it would be important to read the books and each issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* as they come out. Certainly if we recommend that others read the publications, we should first do so ourselves. Truly we can gain happiness from reading such fine publications regularly.

5 Above all else, our reading must include God's Word itself. How enjoyable it is to keep up with the weekly assignment of Bible reading for the Theocratic Ministry School program. Many schedule time to read other portions of God's Word daily. Are you gaining happiness in this way?

6 Preparation for our meetings is another important part of our study program. You will find that you are better able to participate and will remember more of what is discussed. And how can we prepare? Some suggestions are: reading carefully the assigned material, underlining key words or phrases and looking up Scripture texts that are cited but not quoted. Some find it helpful to make notes of related points or scriptures in the margins. The more we can remember and apply, the happier we will be.—John 13:17.

7 What are other things we can include in our Christian study program? Reading and discussing the daily text should be a *must* in Christian homes. Advance preparation for return visits, Bible studies and talks would also be essential. (Prov. 15:28; 1 Pet. 3:15) Many do research in connection with their weekly Bible reading in order to understand the material better. What a blessing our regular schedule of study can be!

8 Through your study program do you find 'delight in the law of Jehovah'? (Ps. 1:2) If so, you are truly blessed and know that getting wisdom from Jehovah "is better than having silver as gain." (Prov. 3:14) But, if you are unable to keep up with all the reading and study you would like to do, do not get discouraged or give up. Could you, perhaps, adjust your activities so as to have *more* time to devote to reading and studying? As you do this, you will find that your joy increases as your knowledge of Jehovah grows. Then you will appreciate more fully that wisdom from Jehovah "is a tree of life to those taking hold of it, and those keeping fast hold of it are to be called happy." —Prov. 3:18.

Your Children (*Cont'd*)

In this way no age barrier is created. Wise parents also take a keen interest in the children's activity whether at school or otherwise. Such kindly interest in the children makes it easy for the children to approach their parents when problems arise, being confident that their parents will understand even if they have done something wrong.—Prov. 15:14.

5 Some parents have found it prudent to listen carefully to what their children are talking about. They find out what their children are learning inside and outside the home, and then take steps to correct any wrong thinking before it takes root in their children's hearts and minds. Rather than belittle their expressions, wise parents endeavor to upbuild their children and encourage them to keep up the fight to remain spiritual in this materialistic world. (Eph. 6:10-13) Such loving concern draws parents and children together.—Prov. 24:5.

STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

6 A regular family Bible study is another essential in developing spirituality. If children see that their parents are sufficiently interested in Biblical knowledge to set aside time for study each week, they will eventually be helped to do the same thing. In addition to time that is set aside for discussions of a given portion of a book or magazine each week, discerning parents will impart whatever instruction or encouragement their children may need at the moment. Happenings at school or in the neighborhood may reveal a need to consider appropriate material so as to deal with a current problem or face an issue. This is a part of growing up spiritually.

PROVIDING A SPIRITUAL TREASURE

7 Some parents have mistakenly thought the best thing they could do for their children would be to provide material advantages. Experience has shown that when the parents have given priority to the material things of life, it has all too often led to the parents' becoming weak spiritually and neglecting their children's *spiritual* interests. (Mark 8:36) While they may enjoy a higher standard of

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Announcements

● Literature offer for December and January: *New World Translation* with *"Let Your Kingdom Come,"* if available; otherwise offer Bible with any 192-page book for $3.25 ($3.75 if 1981 edition of Bible, English only, is offered—where 1961 and 1970 revisions of *New World Translation* are depleted). February: *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* for contribution of 75c. March: Any one of the older 192-page books for 75c.

● Congregation accounts should be audited on December 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, by the presiding overseer or someone he appoints.

● New Publications Available:

"Let Your Kingdom Come" —German

My Book of Bible Stories —Polish

● Bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for 1981: Publishers and pioneers, please order your volumes through your congregation. Congregations should now begin accepting orders for these volumes. Then on January 1, 1982, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society using the regular Literature Order form (S-14). Order only the number of volumes for which you have requests. The volumes will be available in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish at $4.00 a copy. (Please order the Dutch, German and Japanese after February 1, 1982.) There is no pioneer rate. PAYMENT SHOULD NOT ACCOMPANY THE CONGREGATION ORDER sent to the Society. (See *Cost List*, paragraph 21.) Please announce to the congregation when the volumes are received so that all who ordered can obtain their copies.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Mankind's Only Solution—God's Kingdom.

Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.

Rev. 11:17, 18—What it will do.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the Bible

1 December and January are Bible campaign months. This offers excellent opportunities for encouraging our neighbors to obtain a copy of the *New World Translation* along with the new Bible study aid *"Let Your Kingdom Come."*

2 Since most people may have a Bible, why encourage them to obtain the *New World Translation?* As you will recall at the district convention this past summer, four points were discussed to help us appreciate the value of the *New World Translation*. First, we learned that since older and more reliable Bible manuscripts are available now, a modern translation of these documents helps us to have a more correct understanding of the Bible. Secondly, the original Bible languages are now much better understood. Thus the increased knowledge of these languages makes for more understandable translations.

3 The third point mentioned at the convention is that the languages into which the Bible has been translated have undergone changes in the course of years. The English language has undergone a vast number of changes since the 17th century when the *King James Version* and *Douay Version* were produced. Finally, and most importantly, there is the matter of correct understanding of the Bible by the translators.

4 We cannot escape the fact that erroneous religious beliefs have influenced many Bible translators. One obvious example is where they have failed to stick loyally to God's Word in the use of God's distinctive name, Jehovah. Often it has been deliberately covered over. Thus people need a translation that accurately conveys the message found in the original languages.

5 How happy we should be to have a translation where no effort has been spared to ensure accuracy! We need to get the *New World Translation* into the hands of people. How could you present it at the doors? No doubt, there are several ways that have been effective in your territory. As a suggestion you might try the following, using the new Topic for Conversation:

6 "Good morning, my name is —— and I am pleased to find you at home. My reason for calling is to share with you the Bible's solution to mankind's problems. As you probably have noted, our problems are on the increase despite sincere efforts to bring a change. [Give local examples.] Do you think there will ever be a solution? [Allow for a response.] Notice this encouraging comment in the Bible. [Read Revelation 11:17, 18.] Did you note the solution? God is going to bring to ruin those ruining the earth, thus cleansing it from crime, selfishness, pollution, hunger, wars, and so forth. How? By means of his kingdom. At Matthew 6:10, Jesus told his followers to pray, 'Let your kingdom come.' Would you like to know how this is going to come about? Since the answer is found in the Bible, I would like to leave with you a copy of a modern translation along with this book on the subject of the Kingdom for $3.75."

7 In the event that you would like to feature the new book, you might say: "Good morning, I am pleased to find you at home as I have come to talk to you about God's kingdom. Many have wondered why Jesus told his disciples to pray, 'Thy kingdom come.' Perhaps you have, too. [Allow for a response.] Would it not be interesting to know what the Kingdom will do for our earth? [Allow for comment.] Notice what this Bible study aid says on the subject here on page 21, paragraph 1. [Read paragraph.] I would like to leave this book with you along with a modern translation of the Bible for just $3.75."

8 "Your word is a lamp to my foot, and a light to my roadway," said the psalmist. (Ps. 119:105) People in the world need to understand God's Word if they are to gain salvation. Jesus and the early Christians loyally advocated the Word of God. Let us do the same this month by offering the *New World Translation* and the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come."*

Your Children *(Cont'd)*

material living, could it be said that sacrificing one's spirituality is worth it? Other families have chosen to reduce their standard of living so as not to lose sight of the real goal. (John 6:27) They have learned to be content with less materially, but have gained spiritually to the blessing of themselves and their children.

8 Do you have your family's spiritual condition at heart? If so, why not work to store up a real spiritual treasure together? (Matt. 6:19-21) Help your children to grow spiritually and you, too, will be thankful that your "children go on walking in the truth."

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ August proved to be a most outstanding month in Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making. In addition to the peak for the United States, the following countries reported peaks in August: Argentina, 38,869; Australia, 31,898; Brazil, 120,920; British Isles, 85,312; Burma, 1,091; Canada, 67,328; Costa Rica, 6,183; Dominican Republic, 6,839; El Salvador, 9,080; Finland, 13,585; Hong Kong, 900; Ireland, 1,995; Italy, 90,553; Japan, 63,447; Malaysia, 565; Mauritius, 474; Nicaragua, 3,917; Panama, 3,377; Paraguay, 1,766; Sweden, 17,770; Thailand, 763.

◆ Spain's 10 district conventions were attended by 68,535, with 1,404 baptized.

Question Box

● The March 15, 1981, *Watchtower* made the point that ordination as a minister of God takes place at one's baptism. How does this affect our view of those who are qualified to perform marriages?

In each state the requirements for performing marriages may differ somewhat. In some states, cities or communities, the marriage ceremony may be solemnized only by ministers who are duly registered by the local authorities. It is, therefore, essential to check locally to find out what legal requirements are necessary for performing marriages and to comply with them. Please do not write the Society for such information as we do not have such available for the various states, cities or communities in this country.

Because Christian marriage is a very serious and binding commitment made by two individuals before Jehovah, the marriage ceremony should be presided over by a well-qualified ordained minister who gives the marriage talk and solemnizes the marriage. Therefore, it is preferred that congregation elders, men well spoken of in the congregation, care for this responsibility in order that all things take place in proper order.

Information dealing with the marriage discourse, ceremony and approved vows is to be found in *The Watchtower* of March 15, 1969, pages 174-179, May 1, 1974, pages 274-277, March 15, 1977, pages 172-185 and *Awake!* of May 22, 1974, pages 3-6.

Arrangements for the use of a Kingdom Hall for marriage should be approved by the body of elders of the congregation. Since the Scriptural direction is to marry "only in the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:39), those performing marriages should refrain from solemnizing unequaled marriages, nor should such weddings be held at the Kingdom Hall. If there are any very unusual situations in this connection, it is best to write to the Society about the circumstances involved.

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